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The Illinois Mississippi River Corridor is made up of the following eighteen counties along the Western Illinois' bank of the Mississippi River: JoDaviess, Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Henderson, Hancock, Adams, Pike, Calhoun, Jersey, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph, Jackson, Union and Alexander.

These eighteen counties along the Mississippi River comprise a ribbon of commerce, history, archaeology, wildlife habitat and urban and rural communities, as well as open space with historical, recreational, natural, scenic, cultural, economic and scientific resources of major significance to the State of Illinois.

We invite you to enjoy the Illinois Mississippi River territory with its colorful native American and multi-ethnic heritage. Explore the numerous side trips on and off the Great River Road. Hop aboard one of the many riverboat excursions to experience firsthand the mighty, majestic legend that has become an international treasure.

• **For additional information, call 800-ABE-0121.**

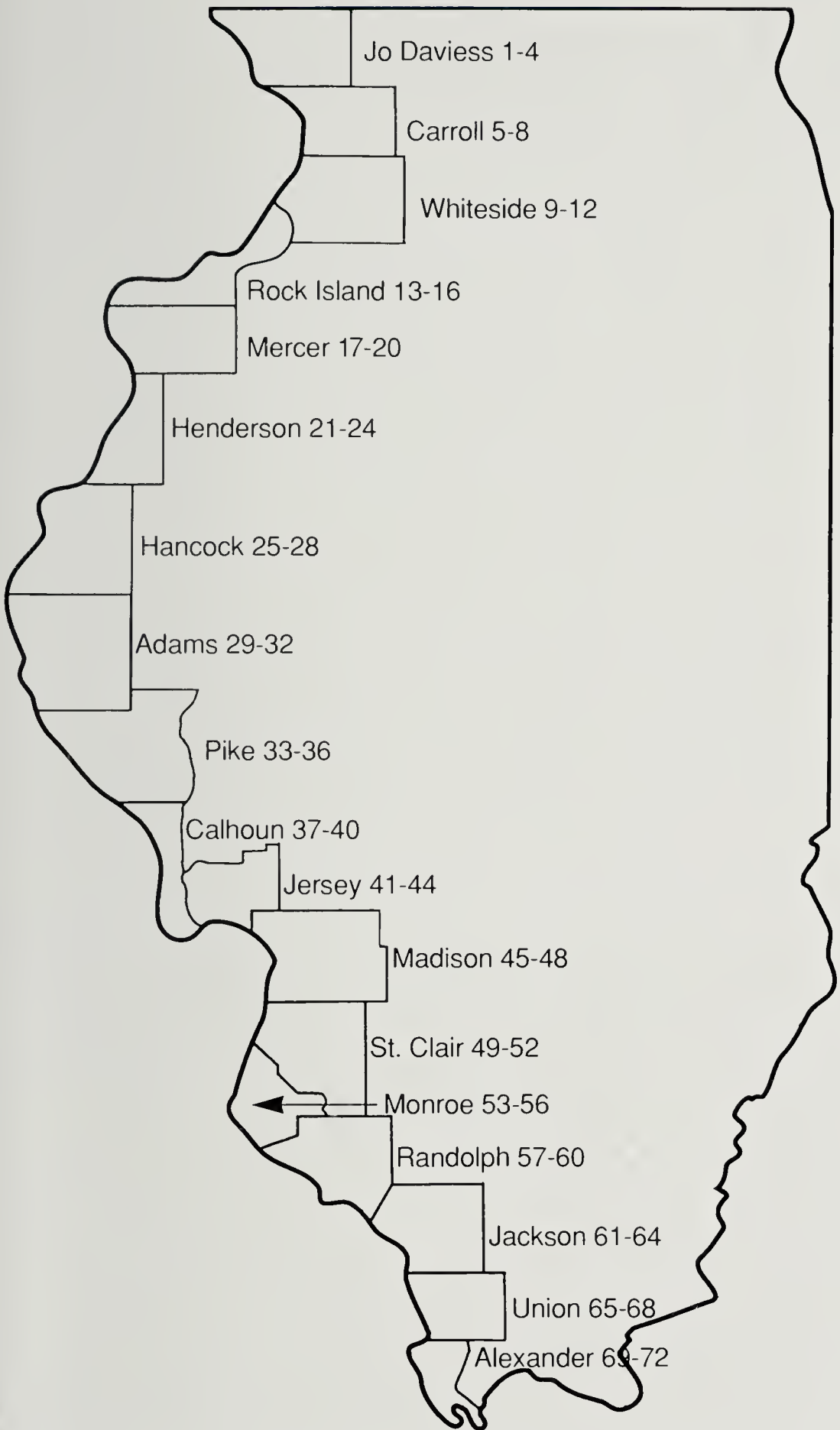
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JO DAVIESS



Jo Daviess

Nestled in the northwestern-most corner of Illinois, Jo Daviess County was left untouched by the Ice Age glaciers, resulting in rugged hills and rocky bluffs. Thousands flocked to the area in the 1820s to seek their fortune in the rich lead mines, the busy waterfront and the bustling stores. Back then, Galena was the largest Mississippi River port between St. Louis and St. Paul. Today, 85% of Galena and 100% of Scales Mound are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the area offers forty bed and breakfasts, two historic hotels, three resorts, championship golf, downhill and cross-country skiing, 100-plus antique shops and specialty stores, riverboat cruises and casinos, the Ulysses S. Grant State Historic Sites, Apple River Canyon State Park and numerous mansions and museums. Scattered throughout Jo Daviess County are friendly little villages with similar attractions and a host of annual festivals. For more information, contact Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau, 101 Bouthillier St., Galena, IL 61036. 815-777-0203 or 1-800-747-9377.

Events

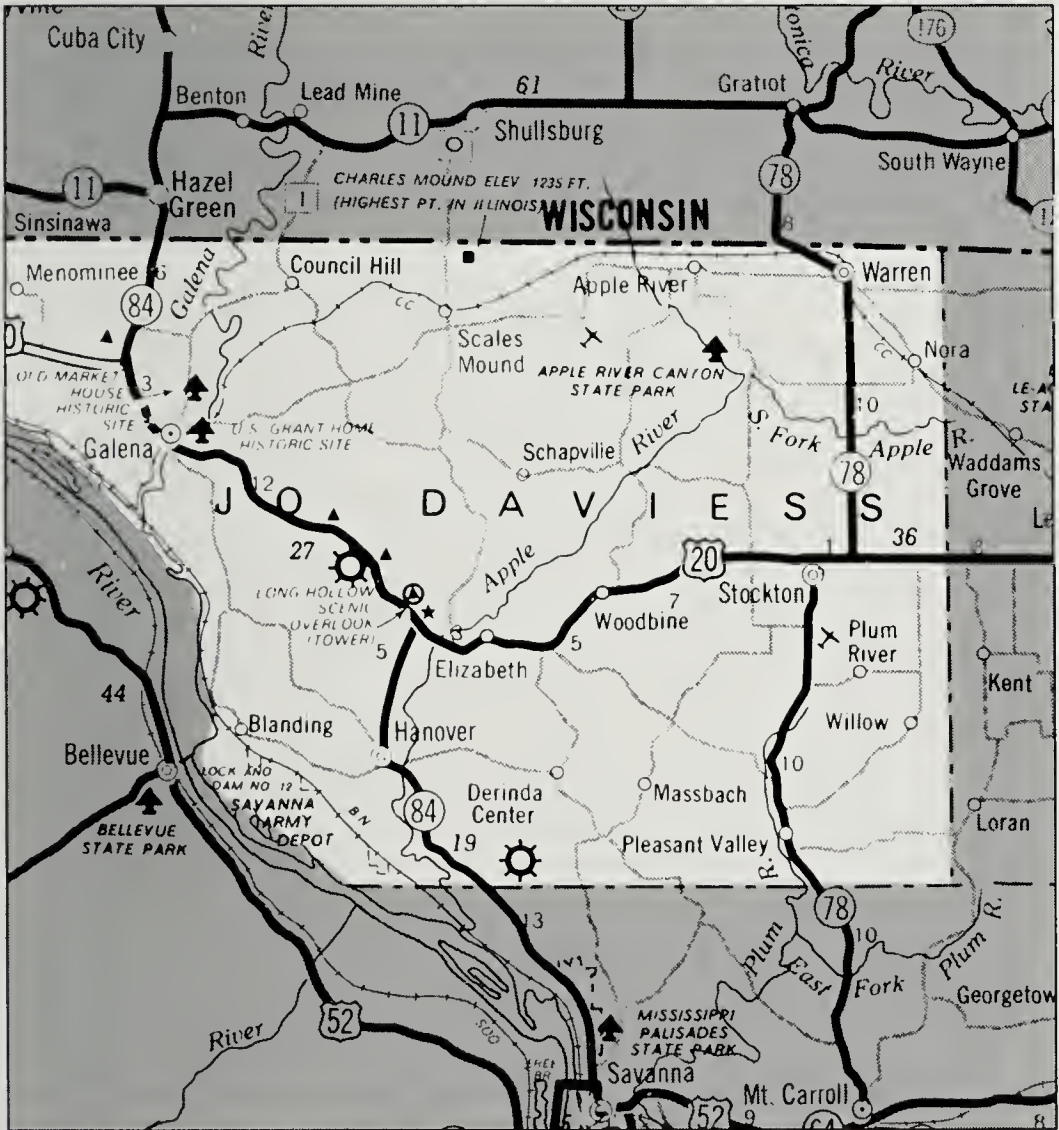
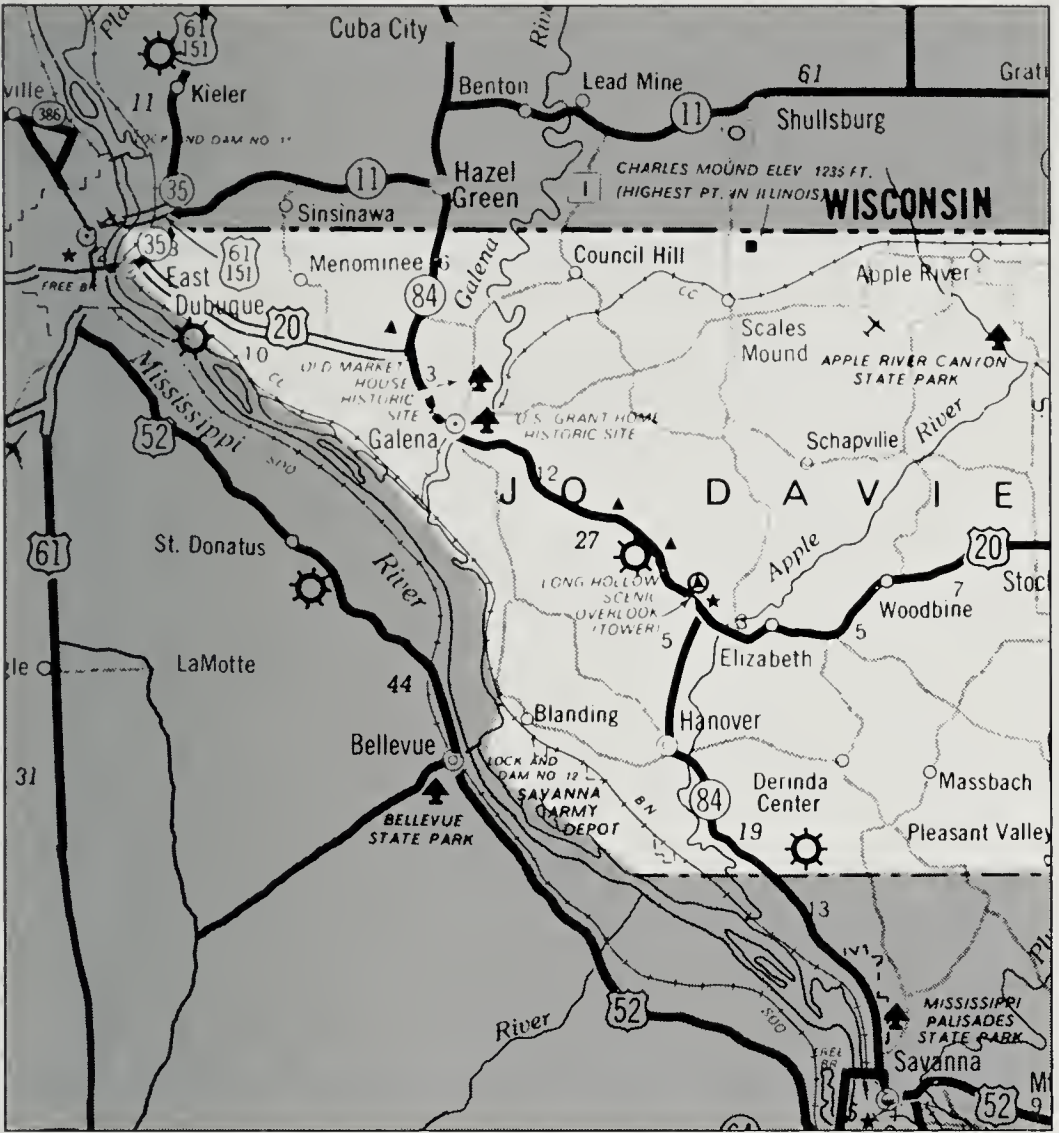
- January - **Klondike Kapers**, Galena,
815-777-1320 or 800-397-1320.
Illinois Winter Special Olympics,
Galena, 815-777-0203 or
800-747-9377.
- February - **Winter Carnival**, Galena,
815-777-1320 or 800-397-1320.
- March - **Galena Chamber Ensemble**,
season premiere, Galena,
815-777-1886 or 800-747-9377.
- April - **Boy Scouts of America U.S. Grant
Pilgrimage**, Galena,
815-777-9050 or 800-747-9377.
- June - **Annual Galena Arts Festival**, Galena,
815-777-0203 or 800-747-9377.
Annual Tour of Homes, Galena,
815-777-9129 or 800-747-9377.
Flea Market & All-Town Garage Sale,
Warren, 815-745-2673 or
815-745-3315.
Resort House Tour, Apple Canyon Lake,
815-492-2238 or 800-747-9377.
- July - **Flea Market**, Galena,
815-777-0203 or 800-747-9377.
- August - **Willow Folk Festival**, Stockton,
815-947-3601 or 800-747-9377.
- Sept. - **Pumpkin Festival**, Warren,
815-777-0203 or 800-747-9377.
Annual Fall Tour of Homes, Galena,
815-777-0203 or 800-747-9377.
- October - **Annual Mallard Festival**, Hanover,
815-777-0203 or 800-747-9377.
Galena Country Fair, Galena,
815-777-0203 or 800-747-9377.
Town & Country House Tour, Warren,
815-745-3851 or 800-747-9377.
- Nov. - **Nouveau Wine Release**, Galena,
815-777-3330.
- Dec. - **Country Christmas**, Galena,
815-777-0203 or 800-747-9377.

JO DAVIESS

Attractions

Apple Canyon Lake Golf Course, Apple River, 815-492-2182.
Apple River Canyon State Park, Apple River, 815-745-3302.
Arlo's Antique Tractor Collection & Museum, Stockton, 815-947-2593.
The Belvedere Mansion & Gardens, Galena, 815-777-0747.
Blanding's Landing Recreation Area, South River Road, Hanover,
815-591-2326.
Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena, 815-777-1320.
Country Side Tours, Galena, 815-777-1670.
Depot Visitor Information Center, Galena,
815-777-0203 or 800-747-9377.
The Dowling House, Galena, 815-777-1250.
Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort, Galena, 815-777-2444 or 800-892-2269.
Frentress Lake Marine Center, East Dubuque, 815-747-3155.
Galena Blacksmith Shop, Galena, (no phone)
Galena Cellars Winery, Galena, 815-777-3330.
Galena Golf Club, Galena, 815-777-3599.
Galena Trolley Tours, Galena, 815-777-1248.
Galena/Jo Daviess County History Museum, Galena, 815-777-9129.
Grant Hills Antique Auto Museum, Galena, 815-777-2115.
Heritage League Museum, Stockton, 815-947-2030.
Historic DeSoto House Hotel, Galena, 815-777-0090 or 1-800-343-6562.
Historic Military Miniatures Museum, Galena, 815-777-0383.
Jo Daviess Riverboat Corp, Galena, 815-777-2648.
Lacoma Golf Course, East Dubuque, 815-747-3874.
Mid-Town Marina, East Dubuque, 815-747-3310.
Nineteenth Hole, East Dubuque, 815-747-8819.
Old General Store Museum, Galena, 815-777-9129.
The Old Market House State Historic Site, Galena, 815-777-2570.
The Old Stockade Refuge, Galena, 815-777-1646.
Palace Campground, Galena, 815-777-2466.
Putter Awhile, Hanover, (no phone)
River Cruises, Inc., Galena, 815-777-1660 or 800-237-1660.
Schubert's Marina, Galena, 815-777-0622.
Shenandoah Riding Center, Galena, 815-777-2373.
Stagecoach Trails Livery, Apple River, 815-594-2423.
Stockton Atwood Golf Club, Stockton, 815-947-3011.
Storybrook Country Club, Hanover, 815-591-2210.
Timmerman's Resort, East Dubuque,
815-747-3181 or 800-747-3181.
Twin Creeks Ranch Ltd., Apple River,
815-594-2507.
Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site,
Galena, 815-777-0248.
Vinegar Hill Lead Mine & Museum, Galena,
815-777-0855.
Warren Cheese Plant, Warren, 815-745-2627.
Whistling Wings, Hanover, 815-591-3512.
Wooded Wonderland, Galena, 815-777-1223.





CARROLL



Carroll

From an Indian settlement on the banks of the Mississippi River, white settlers formed the small town of Savanna in November, 1828. Carroll County was officially formed in 1839. The mighty Mississippi has always been the focal point of the area, from traveling to and from other towns to visit family and to transport needed goods and materials, to the recreation hot spot of today for fishermen, boaters, water skiers, and sightseers. The naturally formed bluffs of the glacier age are the locale of the Mississippi Palisades State Park overlooking the river. Be sure to visit historic Mt. Carroll with its famous Larado Taft statue on the Courthouse Square. Carroll County is abundant with wildlife, plant life, naturally formed tourist attractions, and full of friendly people. For more information, contact the Savanna Chamber of Commerce, Box 315, Savanna, IL 61074. 815-273-2722.

Events

- May - **Mayfest Weekend**, Campbell Center, Hwy. 78, Mt. Carroll, 61053, 815-244-9161. Held Memorial Day Weekend. Hours 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
- July - **Savanna Beach Party and Car Cruise**, Old Mill Park, Savanna, 815-273-2722. Hours 6:30 p.m.-Midnight.
- Sweet Corn Boil**, McGinnis Outdoor Produce Market, Hwy. 84, Thomson, 61285, 815-259-5665 or 815-273-5319. Held the third Saturday with country western band.
- Sept.- **Railroad Days**, Downtown Savanna, 815-273-2722. Labor Day Weekend.
- Melon Days**, School St., Thomson, 61285, 815-259-5665 or 815-273-5319. Labor Day Weekend. Fri.-Mon. evening.
- October- **Wild West Days**, Downtown Savanna, 815-273-2722.
- Taste of Savanna**, Downtown Savanna, 815-273-2722.
- Revolutionary War Encampment**, Campbell Center, Hwy 78, Mt. Carroll, 61053. 815-244-9161. Hours 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Oktoberfest**, Thomson. 815-259-5665.
- Nov.- **Christmas Walk**, Downtown Savanna, 815-273-2722. Friday after Thanksgiving.

CARROLL

Attractions

Hiking, Fishing, & Hunting, throughout Carroll County,
815-273-2722 or 815-244-9161.

Big Slough Recreation Area, 309-788-6361 Ext. 5101.

Bucks Barn Resort Miniature Horse Exhibit, 3 miles north of
Thomson on Hwy. 84, Thomson, IL 61285,
815-259-8278 or 815-273-5319. Visit a dozen tiny, miniature
horses. Carroll County Home of Grand Champion Miniature
Horses. Handicap accessible. Open daylight hours. Free.

F.A.S.T. Bike Trail, Fulton to Thomson

Lake Carroll: Skiing, Golfing & Swimming, 815-244-9161.

Lock & Dam 13, between Thomson and Fulton

Mississippi Palisades State Park, Savanna

Puiford Opera House Antique Mall, 330 Main, Savanna,
815-273-2661. Turn-of-the-century opera house and authentic
general store.

Savanna Train Museum, 51 Main, Savanna, 815-273-2733.
Antiques, relics and history captured in a 1940's Hiawatha
passenger train car.

Standish House Bed & Breakfast, 540 West Carroll St., Lanark,
815-493-2307. This historic country inn, built in 1882, serves as
a bed and breakfast. Furnished with English tradition antiques.
Tours available by appointment. Admission fee.

Timber Lake Playhouse, Blackoak Rd. off Hwy. 78 & I-88,
Southeast of Mt. Carroll, IL, 815-244-2035. A professional, not-
for-profit, summer stock theatre. Show schedule Tuesday-
Sunday, June-Sept. Admission fee.



WHITESIDE



Whiteside

In Whiteside County, you truly sample America. A wonderful blending of nationalities is found in friendly Whiteside County. The Dutch settled in western Whiteside County in the early 1800s forming the Mississippi River community known today as Fulton. The only authentic Dutch Festival in the state of Illinois is held in Fulton each year, the first weekend of May. There is a sizable Mexican American population in the Rock Falls/Sterling area. On the second weekend of September, the Mexican Fiesta is an event you'll long remember. Agriculture is an important part of Whiteside's economy, and there are many different types of family farms you may arrange to visit. The mighty Mississippi and the beautiful Rock River provide wonderful fishing spots and water recreation opportunities. Indian burial mounds at Albany and Sterling are reminders of the Native Americans who lived here for thousands of years before white settlers arrived. For more information, contact Whiteside Co. Tourism Bureau, Rock Falls Chamber. 815-625-4500.

Events

- May - **Dutch Days Festival**, Fulton, 815-589-4545.
Johnson Reel Crappiethon, Albany, 309-887-4481.
Newmanfest, Sterling, 815-625-0500.
Rock River Ramble, Rock Falls/Sterling, 815-626-1930.
- June - **Albany Catfish Tournament**, Albany, 309-887-4481.
Rock Falls Days/Rock River Festival, Rock Falls, 815-625-4500.
- June/
Oct. - **Rock Falls Farmers Market**, Rock Falls, 815-625-4500.
- July - **Rock River Valley's Largest Block Party**, Sterling, 815-625-6106.
Rock Falls-Sterling River Chase, Hydro Races & More, 815-625-4500.
Low Riders & Custom Car Show, Rock Falls, 815-625-4500.
- Aug. - **Back to the Fifties**, Prophetstown, 815-537-5224. (First weekend).
Whiteside County Fair, Morrison, 815-772-4736.
Village Festival and Bass Tournament, Albany, 309-887-4335.
Erie Catfish Tournament, Erie, 309-659-2535.
- Sept. - **Taste of Fall Fest**, Sterling, 815-625-2400.
Heritage Canyon Fall Festival, Fulton, 815-589-2838.
Mexican Fiesta Days, Rock Falls/Sterling, 815-625-4500.
- Nov. - **Hometown Holidays**, Rock Falls, 815-625-4500.
Lighted Christmas Parade, Prophetstown, 815-537-2590.
- Nov./
Dec. - **Christmas in the Country**, Tampico, 815-438-6365.
- Dec. - **Festival of Trees**, Sterling, 815-626-9242.
Old Fashioned Christmas, Fulton, 815-589-4545.
Christmas Walk, Dillon Home Museum, Sterling, 815-625-1078.

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Attractions

Albany Indian Burial Mounds, Albany, 309-887-4335

Heritage Canyon and Museum, Fulton, 815-589-2838

Lock and Dam No. 13, Fulton, tours of system, eagle watching,
815-589-3313

Fulton Marina, Fulton, 815-589-2222

Behren's Country Village and Flower Shed, Rock Falls,
815-625-5116. Open Mon.- Sat. 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sundays.

Hennepin Canal, Rock Falls, 815-625-4500. Recreational path
and fishing.

Prophetstown State Park, Prophetstown, 815-537-2926 or
815-537-5224. Camping, fishing and boat launch.

Morrison-Rockwood State Park, Morrison, 815-772-4158.
Fishing, camping, equestrian and cross country ski trails.

F.A.S.T. Mississippi Bike Trail, Fulton, 815-589-2528.

Centennial Park, Little Red School House, Rock Falls,
815-625-0272. Open April - December, dawn
until dusk.

Emerald Hill Country Club Golf Course & Camelot Dinner
Theatre, Sterling, 815-625-7200.

Dillon Home Museum, Barn & Historical Society, Sterling,
815-625-1078. 19th century mansion.

Birds LTD., Rock Falls, 815-438-5700. By appointment only,
year round. Features fainting goats and other unique
animals.

Recreation Center/Miniature Golf Course, Sterling,
815-625-1265. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m.- 9 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-
8 p.m., Sun. 6 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Rock River Fishing, Sterling & Rock Falls. Boat launches and
marinas. 815-625-4500 or 2400

Big Bend Conservation Area, Prophetstown, 815-772-4708.
1,188 acres of natural scenery with hunting for the
outdoorsman.

Morrison Historical Society, Main Street, Morrison. Open Sat. &
Sun. afternoons, and by appointment.

Prophet Hills Public Golf Course, Prophetstown. 9-hole course.

Lake View Country Club, Morrison & Sterling. Public 18-hole
course.

ROCK ISLAND



Rock Island

Rock Island County and the Quad Cities offer a unique, affordable and varied package of experiences including riverboat gambling cruises, dinner cruises, harness racing, dinner theater, tram tours of Arsenal Island, historical museums, downhill skiing, agricultural tours and many entertaining music festivals. Belgian, Swedish and German heritage, Indian lore, the Civil War, the building of bridges and railroads, and river locks and dams are just a part of our colorful past. All this, combined with a fine selection of shopping, dining and lodging accommodations, is sure to turn your head to an enchanting getaway to the Great Father of Waters. For more information, contact the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1900 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201. 309-788-7800 or 1-800-747-7800.

Events

- February - **Bald Eagle Days**, Rock Island,
309-788-5912 or 800-747-7800.
- March - **Quad Cities St. Patrick's Day Parade**,
319-326-60119 or 800-747-7800.
- May - **United Medical Center Criterium**,
Moline, 309-757-2968 or 800-747-7800.
- June - **Quad Cities Mozart Festival**,
319-322-0931 or 800-747-7800.
Ride the River Bicycle Tour,
along the river paths,
319-355-1030 or 800-747-7800.
June Jamboree Nostalgia Days,
East Moline, 309-788-6311 or
800-747-7800.
Active 8 Balloon Festival, East Moline,
309-764-8888 or 800-747-7800.
- June-Aug. **Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Shows**,
Rock Island, 309-788-9528 or
800-747-7800.
- July - **Rock Island Summer Festival**,
Rock Island, 309-788-6311.
**Moline Riverfest & Venetian
Boat Parade**, Riverfront,
309-797-0461 or 800-747-7800.
Rock Island County Fair, East Moline,
309-796-1620 or 800-747-7800.
- August - **Great River Tug Fest**, Port Byron,
309-523-3312 or 800-332-3081.
Silvis Country Music Festival,
309-792-9553 or 800-747-7800.
- Sept. - **Milan Indian Summer Festival**, Milan,
309-786-8758 or 800-747-7800.
Hardee's PGA Golf Classic,
309-762-4653 or 800-747-7800.
- October - **M.I.P. Arts, Crafts & Antique Fair**,
309-786-8758 or 800-747-7800.
**Black Hawk Days & Chippiannock
Cemetery Walking Tours**,
309-788-9536 or 309-788-6622.
- Nov. -Jan. **Christmas Along the Mississippi**,
309-764-8298 or 800-747-7800.

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Attractions

Black Hawk State Historic Site & Hauberg Indian Museum, Rock Island, (309)788-0177.

Campgrounds, Marinas & Boat Rental, Rock Island Co., 800-747-7800.

Circa '21 Dinner Theater, Rock Island, (309)786-7733.

Deere & Co. World Headquarters, Moline, (309)765-4207.

Great River Trail, Rock Island to Hampton.

Historic Mansions, Museums & Sites, Rock Island Co., (309)765-7970 or 800-747-7800.

Hot Air Balloon Flights, Rock Island, (309)788-3118.

Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, (309)799-5107.

Quad City Thunder CBA Basketball, Moline, (309)788-2255.

Quad City Downs, East Moline, (309)792-0202 or 800-747-3696
Parimutuel harness racing.

Quad City Scenic Railway, East Moline river route, (309)752-7100.

Snowstar Ski Area, Taylor Ridge, (309)798-2666 or 800-383-4002.

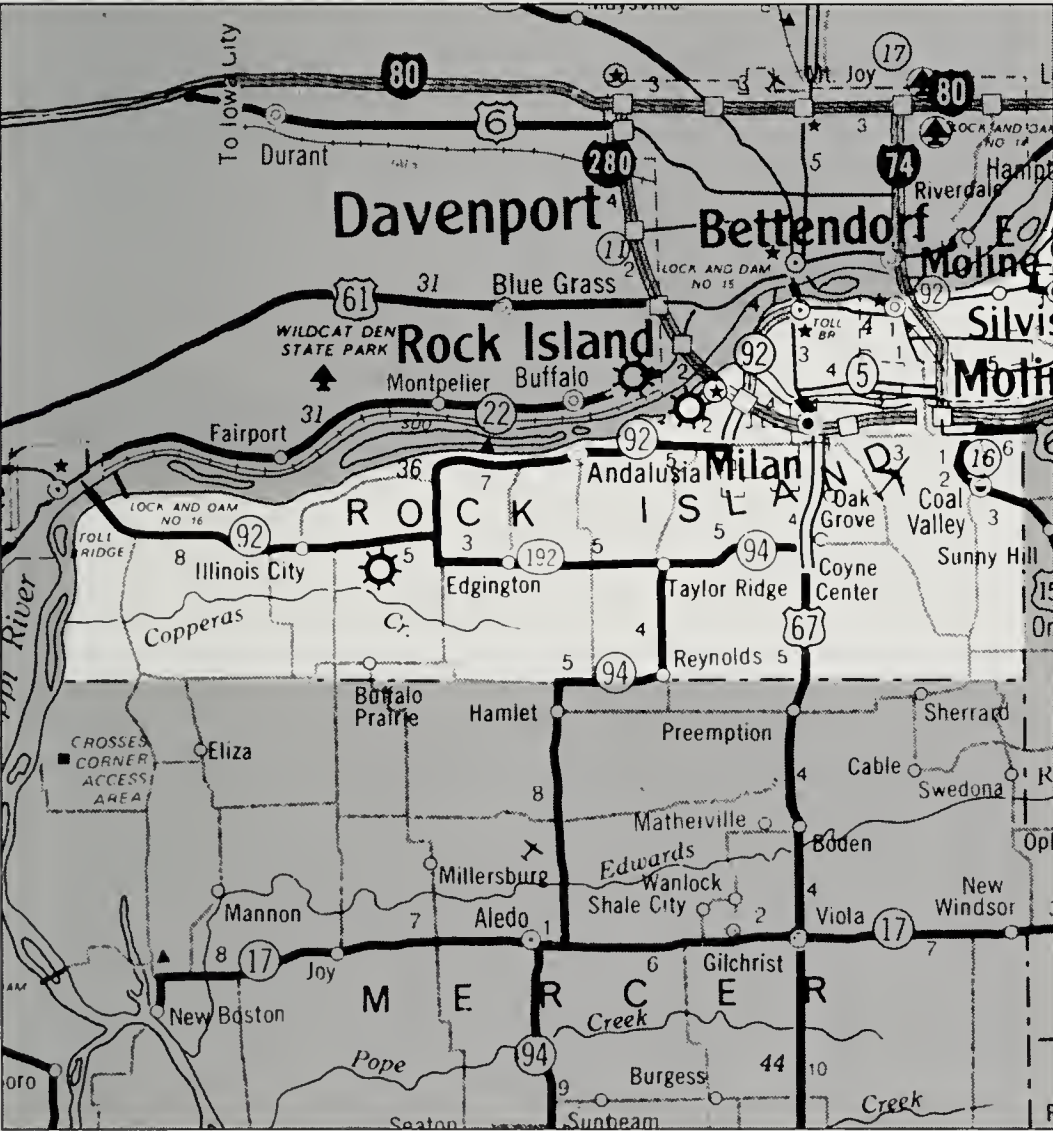
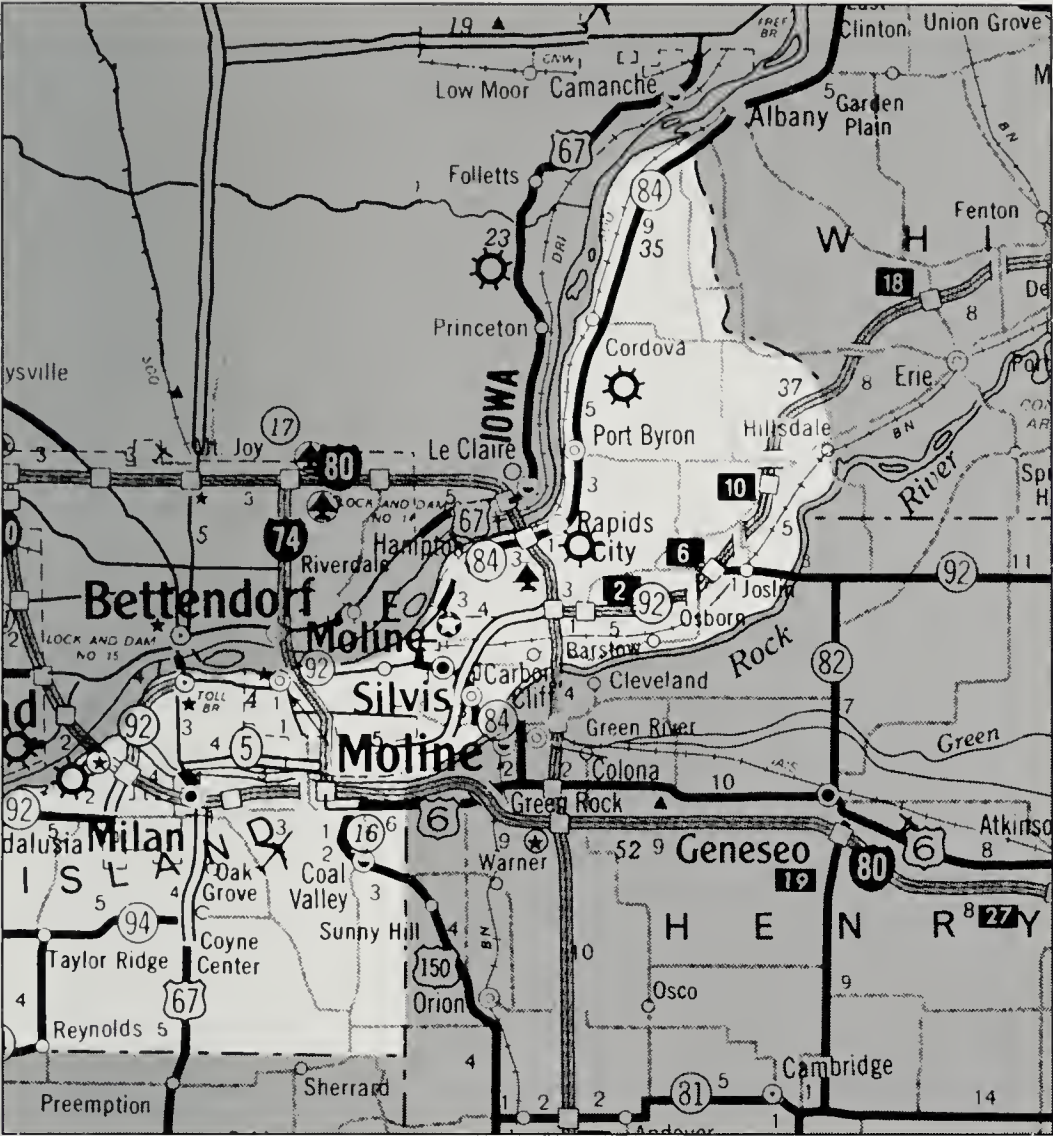
Riverboat Cruises, multiple specialty tours, 800-747-7800.

- Jumer's Rock Island Boat Works, (309)763-8040 or 800-446-4690.
- Schadler's River Adventures, Queen of Hearts & Jubilee on the Boardwalk, (309)764-1952.
- River Cruises, Twilight & Julia Belle Swain, 815-777-1660, 800-237-1660 in IL, 800-331-1467 out of IL.
- Roberts River Rides, Quad City Queen & Mississippi Belle, 800-527-3152.
- Steamboat Casino Cruises, Diamond Lady, 800-448-7450.
- President's Riverboat Casino Cruises, The President, 800-BOAT-711.
- Detours, Inc., Huckleberry Finn University, (309)788-8687 or 800-331-1467

Rock Island Arsenal Tours, Rock Island, (309)764-1952.

- Mississippi River Visitor Center, (309)788-6412.
- Rock Island Arsenal Museum, (309)782-5021.
- Col. Davenport Home, (309)794-7201.
- Civil War Historic Tram Tours, (309)764-1952.
- Confederate & National Cemeteries.
- Lock and Dam #15.





MERCER



Mercer

Mercer Co., named after Gen. Hugh Mercer, an officer in the Revolutionary War, was chartered in 1835 and is part of the Old Northwest Territory and was a part of the Military Tract. Aledo is the County Seat and has a population of approx. 3900 people. It is known for the old stone houses built during the Civil War era, an old Opera House presently used as a movie theatre and plays put on by a local actors' group, beautiful old churches and very old, unique barns. The Essley-Noble Museum in Aledo, New Boston Museum in New Boston and Sharon Reason-Keithsburg Museum is located in Keithsburg. Yellowbanks Territory includes New Boston, Keithsburg (and Oquawka in Henderson Co.). Abraham Lincoln surveyed New Boston in 1834. Yellowbanks was named by the Sac and Fox Indians and is on the west coast of Illinois. It has been mostly an agricultural area, but tourism has become more and more important to this area in the past several years. For more information, contact Yellowbanks Heritage Assn., R.R. 2, Aledo, IL 61231. 309-582-7551.

Events

- May - **Yellowbanks Road Ramble**, starts at Boat Club, includes New Boston, Oquawka and Keithsburg, 309-582-7551.
New Boston Museum Doll Show, 309-587-8643. Free.
- June - **Keithsburg Annual Fish Fry**, 309-374-2659.
Edwards River Antique Engine Show, New Windsor, 309-667-2100.
City Wide Arts & Crafts, Yard Sale, New Boston, 309-587-8217. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- July - **Fireworks**, Sturgeon Bay Park on Mississippi, New Boston, (Dusk) 309-587-8217.
Oquawkacup Sailboat Races, Keithsburg, 309-374-2659. To Oquawka on Mississippi River. Noon.
Annual Yellowbanks Tour of Homes, New Boston, Keithsburg & Oquawka, 309-582-7551. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Mercer Co. 4-H Horse Show, Fairgrounds, Aledo, 309-582-5106.
Firemen's Fish Fry, Sherrard, 309-593-2722.
Mercer County Fair, Fairgrounds, Aledo, 309-582-2878.
- August- **Kid's Fishing Derby**, Conservation Club, New Boston, 309-587-8517. 8 a.m. check-in.
New Windsor Fair & Rodeo, 309-667-2218.
Viola Appreciation Days, Viola, 309-596-2140.
Annual Boat-in Breakfast, Boat Club, Keithsburg, 309-374-2659.
Riverfest, 2nd & Main St., Keithsburg, 309-374-2722.
- Sept.- **Fish Fry, Band Concert & Ice Cream Social**, New Boston, 309-587-8181 or 309-587-8517. Begins at 10 a.m.
- Dec.- **New Boston Museum Christmas Tea & Ball**, 309-587-8643 or 309-587-8217. 1-5 p.m. and 8 p.m.- midnight.

MERCER

Attractions

Big River State Forest, Keithsburg, 309-374-2496.

Lock & Dam #17, New Boston, 309-788-6361 ext. 5101.

Mark Twain Wildlife Refuge, 1/2 mile N. of Keithsburg, 309-374-2659 or 309-523-6982. Open Jan. to the beginning of the earliest waterfowl hunting season. Popular for ice fishing.

National Historical District, Main St., Keithsburg, 309-374-2659.

Fifteen structures placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Boston Bay Conservation Club, 1st & Main, Rt. 17 & Mississippi River, New Boston. 309-587-8517. Club formed in early 1950s to promote conservation along Mississippi River and surrounding area.

New Boston Museum, 2nd & Main, Rt. 17, New Boston, 309-587-8643 or 309-587-8217. Built in 1856, the former Levi Willits' home is being restored by the New Boston Historical Society. Museum located one block from river, boat ramp access, and one block from campground. Open April-Nov., weekends Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. 1-5 p.m. Donations accepted.

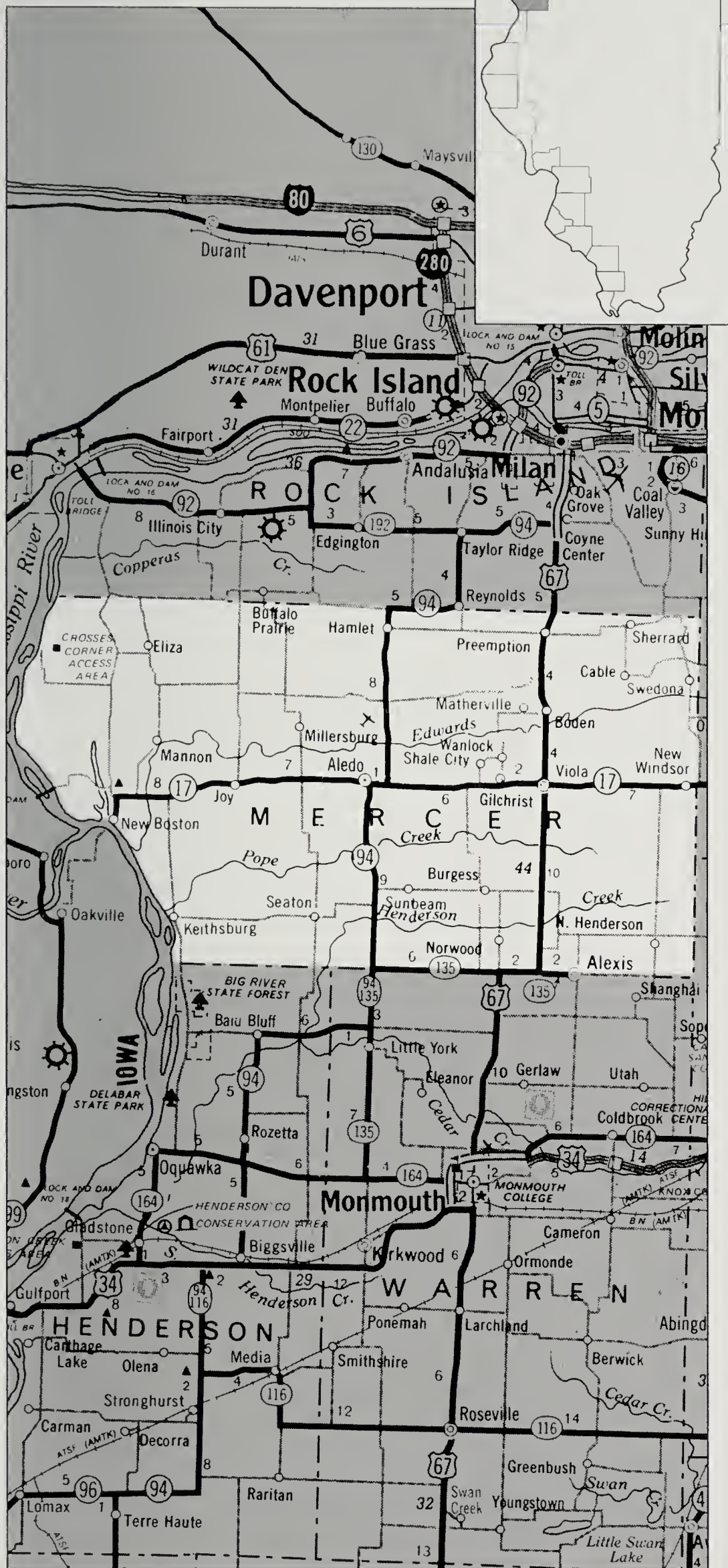
Riverside Campground, Keithsburg, 309-374-2369. Sixty campsites right on the banks of the Mississippi River. Electricity and water hookups, public restrooms and showers, boat access area. Open May-Nov. Fee charged.

Sharon L. Reason-Keithsburg Museum, 14th & Washington Sts., Keithsburg, IL 61442. 309-374-2659. Many interesting items and displays can be seen within five rooms full of history. One room has been dedicated to all servicemen and women. Open April-Nov., Wed.-Sundays, 1-5 p.m. and by appoint.

Sturgeon Bay Park, 1st St. on Mississippi River, New Boston, 309-587-8181 or 309-587-8517. Campground open April-Nov. with two boat ramps, showers, restroom facilities, water & electricity hookups.

Yellowbanks Territory, Keithsburg, New Boston, & Oquawka, 309-582-7551 or 374-2659. The Sac and Fox Indians called the area Yellowbanks because of the yellow, sandy soil along the riverbanks. It is an area full of history and scenic beauty.

Essley-Noble Museum, Aledo, IL.



HENDERSON



Henderson

This small, mostly rural, area is cradled on the banks of the Mississippi. Its wooded rolling hills blend with the yellow sandy beaches that stretch east. Henderson County has nine towns with Oquawka, the County Seat, being the largest with a population of 1500. In the early 1800s Oquawka was the end of the main stagecoach trail from Peoria to the Mississippi River. From the Sauk and Fox Indians who enjoyed its freedoms, a young Lincoln trudging northward to restore peace to troubled times, to booming river trade and a later slowing economy, the county came to be the "slower pace of life." The magnetism of summer weekends on the river banks or overnights on the islands continue to entice visitors to peaceful hours before returning to the other life. Come and explore historical cemeteries, enjoy relaxing fun on the river, whether water-sport, hunting or fishing, wander through the 3000 acres of Big River State Forest, and be sure to catch the annual events. For more information, contact Henderson County Tourism Council, P O Box 278, Oquawka, IL 61469. 309-867-2045.

Events

- May - **Annual Arts & Crafts Show**, Oquawka.
Dragon Boat Parade, Oquawka,
309-867-5451. 10 a.m.
Chinese Dragon Boat Races, Mississippi
River at Riverside Park - Warren &
Front St., Oquawka, 309-867-2045.
Last weekend.
- June - **Stonghurst Lions Porkchops**
Stronghurst 4H - B-B-Q Chicken and
Windsor Chops. Henderson county
fairgrounds.
Stronghurst Lions "Circus"
- July - **Big River Crossroads of Forestry**,
Oquawka, 309-374-2496.
Fish/Chicken Fry, near Raritan,
309-867-2069.
Oquawkacup Sailboat Race, Keithsburg
to Oquawka, 309-867-5512. Race starts
at Noon in Keithsburg.
Fireman's Festival, Oquawka,
fireworks riverside, 309-867-8481.
Henderson County Fair, fairgrounds at
Stronghurst, IL, 309-924-1163.
Third week.
- Aug. - **Village of Terre Haute Annual Reunion**
Fish Fry.
Gladstone Home Coming. Large carnival,
food stands, flea markets.
- Sept. - **Heritage Trail Days**, 309-867-3181.
Last weekend.
Biggsville Lions Annual B-B-Q pork
chop dinner.
Hog Thief Hollar Run ANNUAL 5K RUN.

HENDERSON

Attractions

Allaman Covered Bridge, Illinois Rt. 164, 3 miles south of Oquawka, 309-867-2045. Erected in 1866 and one of the few remaining covered bridges left in Illinois. The public can walk on the bridge, however, auto traffic is prohibited.

Big River State Park & Forest, Keithsburg Road, 7 miles north of Oquawka, 309-374-2496. 3,000 acre forest complex and home to wild turkeys, deer, wild raspberries and many of nature's birds. Miles of summer hiking trails, winter snowmobile runs and an equestrian facility. The Forest borders the Mississippi River and sports a long sandy beach with a two-ramp boat launch. There are two pavilion shelters, many camping hookups and the lower area provides many camping sites accessible to boaters as well as drive-in campers. The Forest is host to one of the few remaining fire towers in the state. Open year round.

Delabar State Park, Keithsburg Road, 1 -1/4 miles north of Illinois Rt. 164, Oquawka, 309-867-3671. 80 acre oak shaded park. Large pavilion, many playgrounds and a boat launch.

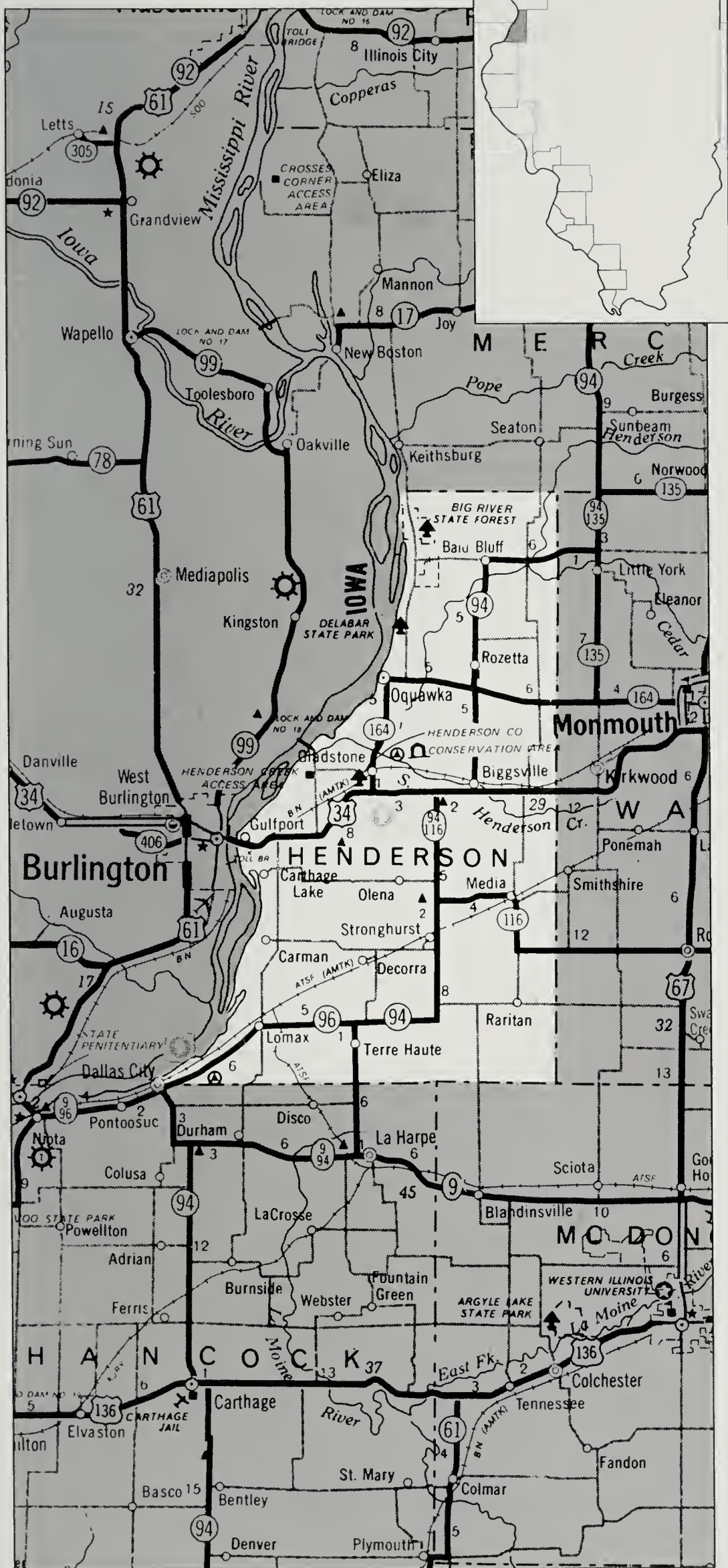
Grave of Norma Jean the Elephant, 5th Street between Clay and Mercer, Oquawka, 309-867-2045. On the morning of July 17, a terrible thunderstorm blew up and a lightning bolt struck the only tree in the block and the one to which Norma Jean was chained. Norma Jean was buried on the spot and her grave is marked with a large boulder.

Henderson County Court House, 4th and Warren St., Oquawka, 309-867-2911. The second oldest court house in Illinois, still in operation today.

Lock & Dam #18, 4 miles west of Gladstone on the Lock & Dam Road, 309-873-2246. Outside observation area is open to the public year round, and is a very popular eagle viewing area during the winter. It is not unusual to count 100 eagles foraging in the open water area below the dam gates.

Old South Henderson Church, Biggsville. Erected in 1855, the large limestone rock used in the construction was obtained locally. The cemetery across the road lays claim to Daniel Boone's granddaughter, Elizabeth Robbin, along with three Revolutionary War Veterans.

Phelps House, 2nd Street at Hancock St., Oquawka, 309-867-2045. Erected in 1832 for Alexis Phelps, long-standing friend of Abe Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, with the visits recorded in local written history. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is still undergoing restoration.



HANCOCK



Hancock

Hancock County is located in Western Illinois with its western border being the mighty Mississippi River. The county is rich in history. The most popular attraction is the Mormon settlement located along the river at Nauvoo, but the Hancock County Courthouse lawn is the site where Abraham Lincoln once spoke and the rock on which he stood is still there. This area of the state offers the traveler the opportunity to see how rural America lives and to observe the peacefulness of rolling plains of corn and soybeans. The entire county offers peaceful surroundings during a stay at one of the many bed and breakfasts, and antique shops are plentiful with treasures from the past on the prairie.

Events

- Jan. - **Eagle Days**, Warsaw & Hamilton.
- June - **Dallas City Summerfest**, Dallas.
Last weekend.
- Appreciation Days**, Carthage.
2nd weekend.
- Mississippi Scenic Drive**, Nauvoo.
Last weekend.
- July - **Jaycees Annual Fourth of July Weekend Celebration**, Carthage.
4th of July Fun Day, Warsaw.
- July or Aug. - **Summerfest**, La Harpe.
- Aug. - **Western IL Threshers Annual Threshing Bee**. Antique Tractor and Car Show, crafts, flea market and railroad line rides. North of Hamilton, 217-847-2690. 1st weekend.
- City of Joseph**, Nauvoo, 217-453-2233.
1st weekend.
- Ridiculous Days**, Carthage.
1st weekend.
- Old Settler Celebration**, Plymouth.
3rd weekend.
- Sept. - **Grape Festival**, Nauvoo. Labor Day weekend.
- Oktoberfest**, Carthage. Brat Cookout, German Band and Dance.
- Oct. - **Hay Day on the Mississippi**, Warsaw.
2nd weekend.

HANCOCK

Attractions

Three-story high school constructed in 1896, still used today, Dallas City.

The Burg Home, Dallas City.

The Carriage Factory, Dallas City.

The Great River Road, Dallas City.

The Lincoln Heritage Trail, Dallas City.

130 foot high bluffs, Dallas City.

The Old Fort, 2 miles north of La Harpe.

Mosely House, Bowen - open for tours.

Plymouth Square, Plymouth - has eating establishments and historic sites. Has a game preserve and hunting area.

Old Carthage Jail, Carthage.

Carthage Courthouse, Carthage - daily tours available.

Carthage International College, Carthage.

Lake Carthage, Carthage.

Mormon Homes, Nauvoo.

Old Nauvoo Uptown, Nauvoo.

St. Mary's Academy, Nauvoo.

Fort Johnson, Warsaw.

Ft. Edwards Monument, Warsaw.

Bald Eagle nesting ground, Warsaw.

Lock and Dam 19, Hamilton.

Bee and Antique Show, Hamilton.

One-room Schoolhouse, Hamilton. (Threshers grounds)

Log Cabin, Hamilton. (Threshers grounds)

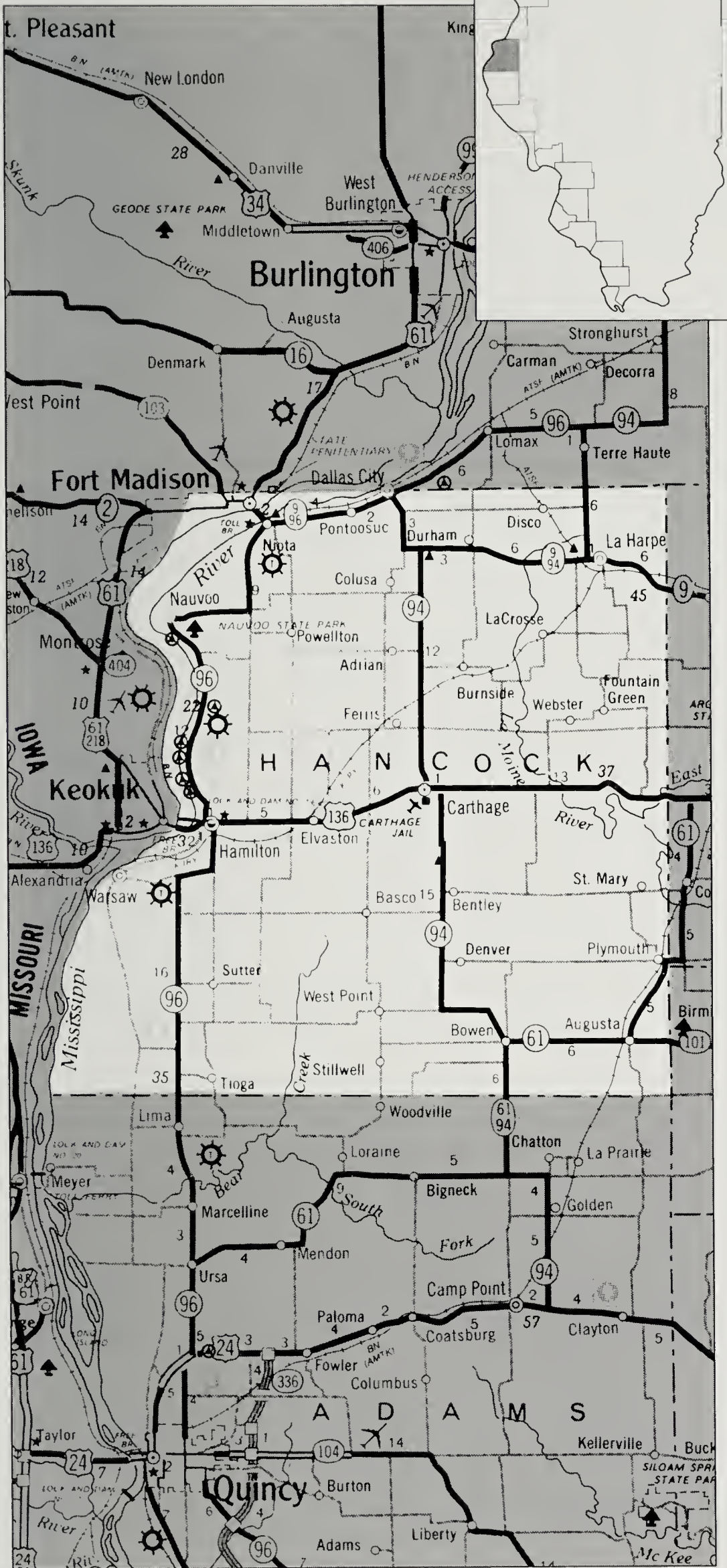
Train Depot, Hamilton. (Threshers grounds)

Visitor Centers, Nauvoo.

Lock and Dam #19, Hamilton. Tours of dam and power plant daily. Free.

Trolley Rides, Hamilton.

Geode Rock Hunting, between Hamilton and Warsaw.



ADAMS



Adams

Adams County has rolling hills, lush green valleys, forests, prairie and bluffs facing out over the Mississippi valley and river. The natural water supply from the springs, together with the Mississippi River, attracted Indians and pioneers to the area. Also, Quincy Bay is the largest natural harbor on the entire Mississippi River and Bay Island, now known as Quinsippi Island. It provided defense and a natural wind break for the shore and inland areas. On January 13, 1825, the General Assembly named "the 830 square miles in the area farthest west and most central and bordering on America's main stream, the Mississippi River" as the 29th county in the state of Illinois. After newly-elected President John Quincy Adams, the county was named Adams, the town Quincy, and the town square was John's Square, now Washington Park.

Adams County, rich in German heritage, features the modern industrial city of Quincy which stands on the east bluff overlooking the Mississippi where the river swings farthest west. For more information, contact Quincy Convention & Visitors Bureau, 510 Maine, Quincy, IL 62301. 217-223-1000 or 1-800-458-4552.

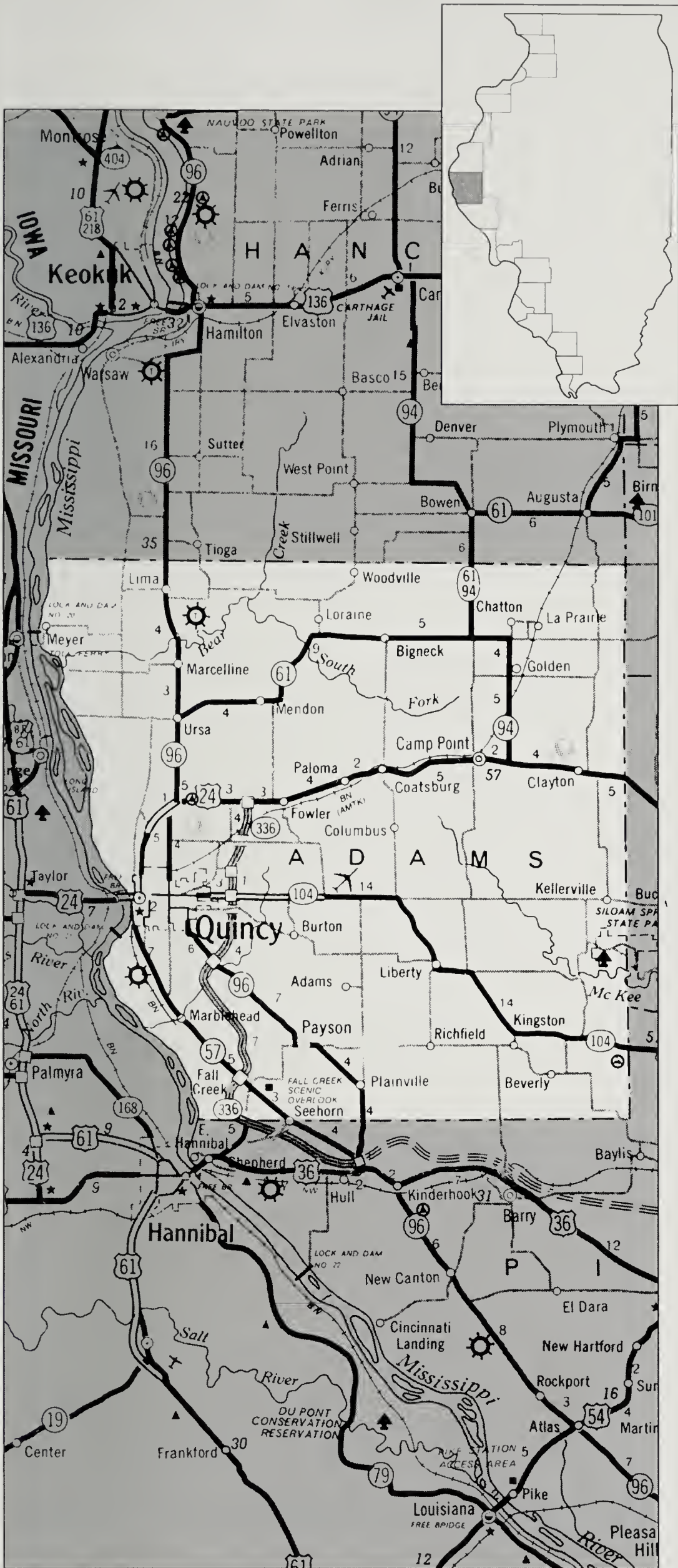
Events

- January - **Special Olympics**, Quincy.
QHS Quincy Invitational Wrestling Tournament, Quincy.
Bluegrass Festival, Quincy.
- February - **Kiwanis Tri-State S & V Show**
- March - **WGEM Home Show**, Quincy.
- April - **Annual Soccer Shoot Out**, Quincy.
- May - **Dogwood Festival**, Quincy.
USPSA 3 Gun Tournament, Barry.
3 Man Basketball Tournament, Quincy.
Quincy Kennel Club Dog Show, Fairgrounds.
- June - **Grand Prix of Karting**, Quincy.
Little Peoples Golf Championship, Quincy.
Germanfest, Quincy.
- July - **Strassenfest**, Quincy.
Adams County Fair, Fairgrounds,
Mendon Township.
- August - **Junior Masters Golf Tournament**, Quincy.
Masters International Shooting Championship, Barry.
World Free Fall Convention, Quincy.
K of C Bar-B-Q, Quincy.
- Sept.- **IWGA Senior Womens Tournament**, Quincy.
USPSA National Championships, Barry.
Uptown Quincy Karting Klassic, Quincy.
Arts/Quincy River Fest, Quincy.
- October - **Early Tin Dusters/Fall Color Run**, Quincy.
Quincy Preserves Home Tour, Quincy.

ADAMS

Attractions

Adams County Fairgrounds, Mendon Township
Adams Landing, Quinsippi Island, Quincy
All Wars Museum, Quincy
Arrowhead Heights Campground, Rt. 24
Camp Point Township
The Calftown Historic Area, Quincy
The East End Historic District, Quincy
Fall Creek Scenic Overlook and Bridge, Rt. 57,
Fall Creek Township
The Fazier Cabin, Quincy
Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design, Quincy
The Golden Windmill, Golden
The Illinois Veteran's Home, Quincy
John Wood Mansion, Quincy
The Lincoln-Douglas Valentine Museum, Quincy
Lock & Dam #20 and #21
The Meyer Ferry, Lima Township, Meyer
National Cemetery, Quincy
The Parsonage of the Payson Congregational Church,
Payson Township
Pharmacy Museum of Quincy and Adams County, Quincy
Quincy Art Center, Quincy
Quincy Museum of Natural History and Art, Quincy
Quinsippi Island Antique Auto Museum, Quincy
Quinsippi Park, Quincy
Rest Areas, Rt. 96, Ellington Township and Rt. 104,
Beverly Township
Siloam Spring State Park, Rt. 104, McKee Township,
(217)894-6205
Temple B'Nai Sholom, Quincy
Villa Kathrine Tourist Information Center, Quincy
Washington Park, Quincy



PIKE



Pike

Pike County is bordered by the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers in Western Illinois. Its scenic highways make Pike County easily accessible. The new Central Illinois Expressway will soon make traveling to Pike County even more convenient. Pike County has a strong sense of Illinois history. Many Indian artifacts have been found in the area and the trails of the Mormons. Father Marquette passed through the County. The Mormons traveled through the area in their exodus to Salt Lake City, Utah. New Philadelphia, located between Barry and Baylis, was one of the first Black settlements. For more information, contact Pike County Chamber of Commerce, Pittsfield, IL 62363. 217-285-2971.

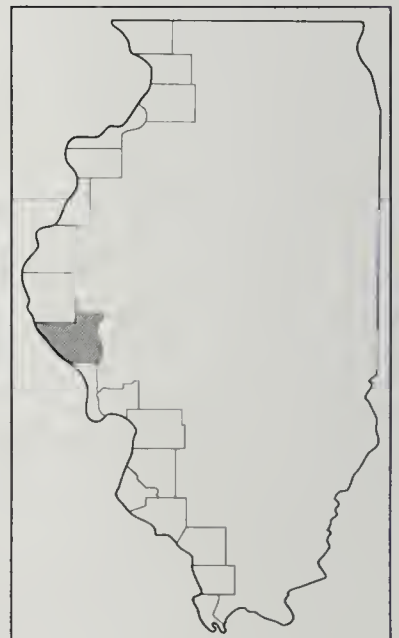
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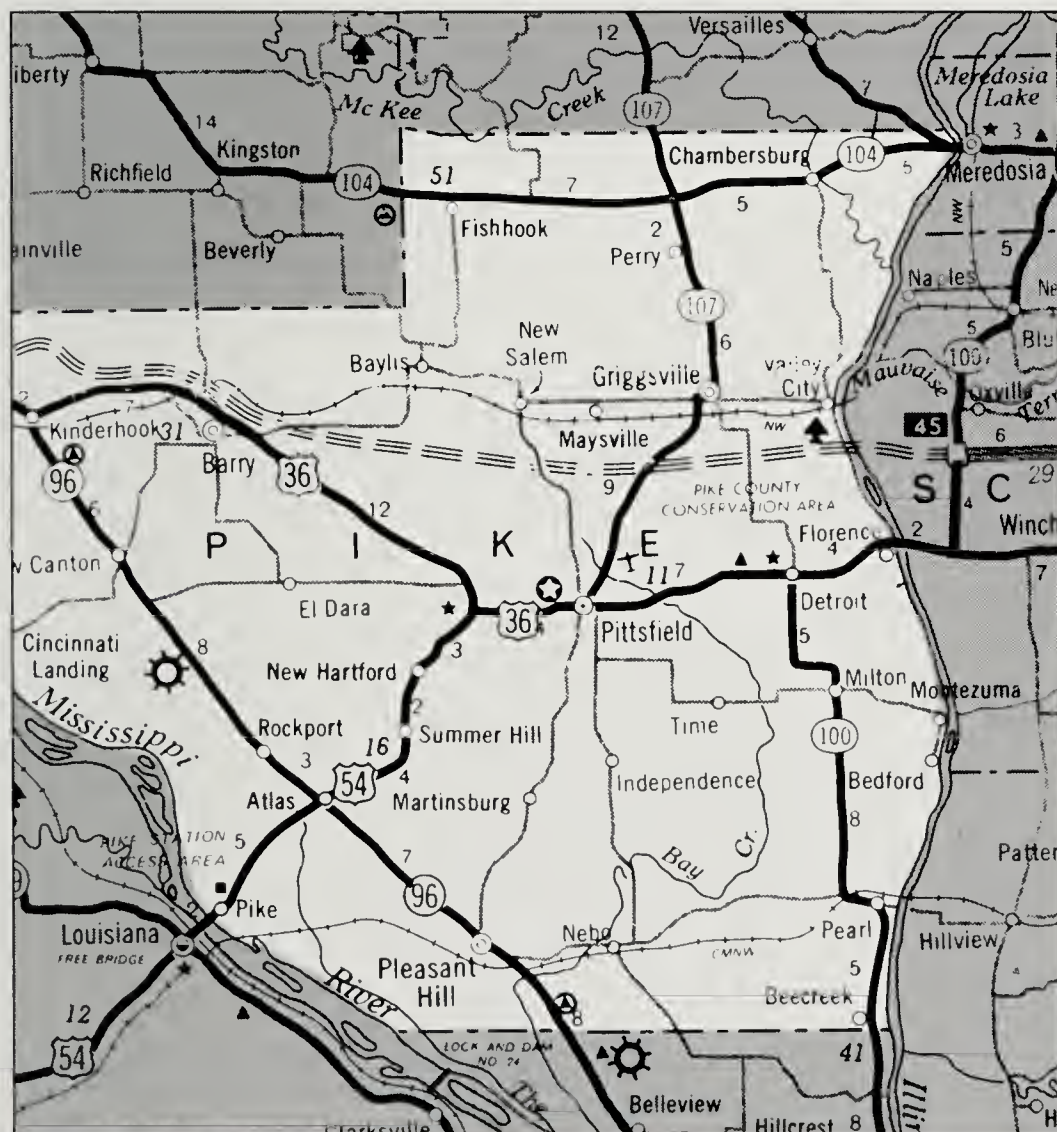
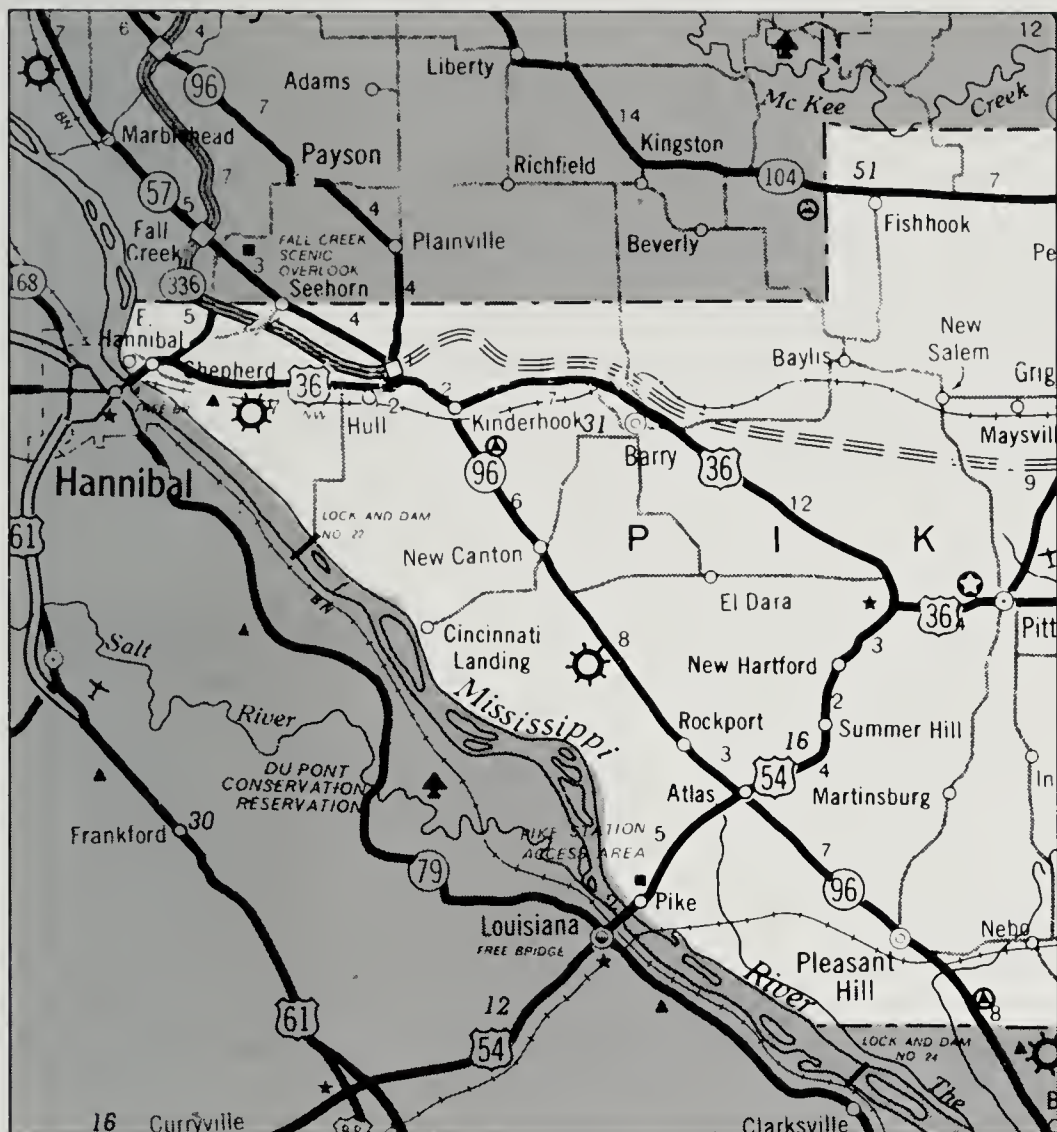
- May - **Illinois Traditional County Mid-Rivers Art Center**, Music Festival, Milton, 217-723-4642
- June - **Rockport Festival**, Rockport, 217-285-2971.
- July - **Car Show and Flea Market**, New Canton, 217-285-2971.
Master's International Shooting Championship Dress Rehearsal, Barry, 217-335-2251.
Western Illinois Fair, Griggsville, 217-833-2116.
July 4th Celebration, Pleasant Hill, 217-285-2971.
Pike County Pig Day, Pittsfield, 217-285-2971.
Pike County Fair, Pleasant Hill, 217-285-2971.
- August - **Masters International Shooting Championship**, Barry, 217-334-2251.
Vin Fiz Celebration, Nebo, 217-285-2971.
Community Picnic, Hull, 217-285-2971.
Perry Pioneer Days, Perry, 217-285-2971.
- Sept. - **Labor Day on the Mississippi**, Pike Station, 217-437-2321.
Fall Festival, Pittsfield, 217-285-2971.
Corn Carnival, Milton, 217-285-2971.
USPSA National Championships, Barry, 217-335-2251.
Griggsville Apple Festival, Griggsville, 217-285-2971.
New Canton Harvest Festival, New Canton, 217-285-2971.
- October - **Barry Apple Festival**, Barry, 217-285-2971.
Pike County Fall Color/Heritage Drive, Pike County, 217-285-2971.

PIKE

Attractions

Atlas Junction, Atlas, 217-437-4081.
Atlas Mills Barge Docking Site, Atlas, 217-285-2971.
Barrett House Antiques, Pittsfield, 217-285-6033.
The Barry Patch, Barry, 217-335-2233.
Barry Thrift Shop, Barry, 217-335-2411.
Bonnie's Carriage House, Summer Hill, 217-285-4557.
Carol Sue Pottery, Barry, 217-335-2821.
Civil War Marker, Florence, 217-285-2971.
Civil War Statue/Monument, Summer Hill, 217-285-2971.
Ed & Woodie's Raceway, Florence, 217-833-2111.
Florence Public Boat Ramp, Florence, 217-285-2971.
Harold Penstone Hunting Facility for the Handicapped, Milton,
217-723-4072.
Historic East School, Pittsfield, 217-285-4618.
Hopewell Views Hunting Club, Pleasant Hill, 217-734-9234.
Hull Museum, Hull, 217-285-2971.
John Hay Public Use Area, East Hannibal, 217-285-2971.
King Park, Pittsfield, 217-285-2971.
Lake Pittsfield, Pittsfield, 217-285-2971.
Lock and Dam #22.
Mid Rivers Art Center, Milton, 217-723-4642.
Mormontown Site, Pittsfield, 217-285-4618.
North Pike Hunting Club, Perry, 217-285-2971.
Orr Agricultural Research Center, Perry, 217-236-4911.
PASA Park, Barry, 217-335-2251.
Pike County Conservation Area, Valley City, 217-285-2971.
Pike County Historical Society Museum, Pittsfield,
217-285-4618.
Pine Lakes Camping and Fishing Resort, Pittsfield,
217-285-6719.
Pittsfield Theatre Guild, Pittsfield, 217-285-4618.
Pleasant Haven Bed & Breakfast, Pleasant Hill, 217-734-9357.
Shirl's Sew Shop, New Canton, 217-426-4271.
Skinner House, Griggsville,
217-285-2971.
Suzie Q's, Pittsfield, 217-734-9357.
Two Rivers Marina, Pike Station,
217-437-2321.
Vin Fiz Highway & Marker, Nebo,
217-285-2971.





CALHOUN



Calhoun

Calhoun County, in Southwestern Illinois, comprises a long, narrow belt of land between the forks of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers approximately 220 miles north of Cairo, Illinois, on the east bank of the Mississippi River. It is bound on the north by Pike County, on the east by the Illinois River, and on the south and west by the Mississippi. Its 250 square miles contain eight precincts, rather than townships. The county is nearly 37 miles long, but averages only seven miles in width. The widest point is 17.5 miles, with the narrowest being approximately three miles. The precincts contain five incorporated villages. On January 10, 1825, during the closing days of the administration of President James Monroe, the county was separated from Pike County. Come visit the beautiful rolling hills and orchards.

Events

- May - **Antique Auto Show and Quilt Show**, Calhoun Fairgrounds, 1 mile North of Hardin.
- July - **Church Picnics** at Kampsville, Brussels,
Aug. Meppen, Batchtown and Michael.
- Sept. - **Calhoun Apple Fair**, Calhoun Fairgrounds, 1 mile North of Hardin.
- October - **Old Settlers Day**, Kampsville.
- Spring
and Fall - **Church Dinners**, Hardin.

CALHOUN

Attractions

The Apple Shed, South of Batchtown.

Bay Creek and the Sny, Mozier.

Brussels Free Ferry, 1 mile from Grafton, between
Grafton and Brussels.

Frontier Campground, North of Hamburg.

Fruitland Landing, Brussels.

Golden Eagle Ferry, near Brussels.

Haug Mercantile Store, one and one-half miles
Southeast of Brussels.

Historic Churches - St. Mathew's, St. Mary's & St. Joseph's in
Brussels; St. Joseph's in Meppen; St. Anselm's in Kampsville.

Indian Creek Cemetery, South of Hamburg.

Kampsville Archaeological Library, Kampsville.

Kampsville Archaeological Museum, Kampsville.

Kampsville-Koster Dig Headquarters, Kampsville.

Lock and Dam #24 and #25, comprising 14 lakes, South
of Batchtown at Winfield Ferry Streams - Panther, Crooked,
Crawford, Silver, Crater, West Point, Turner, Spring, Bee,
Fox, Indian and Metz Creeks.

The Mounds at Perrin's Lodge, two and one-half miles
north of Kampsville on Rt. 100.

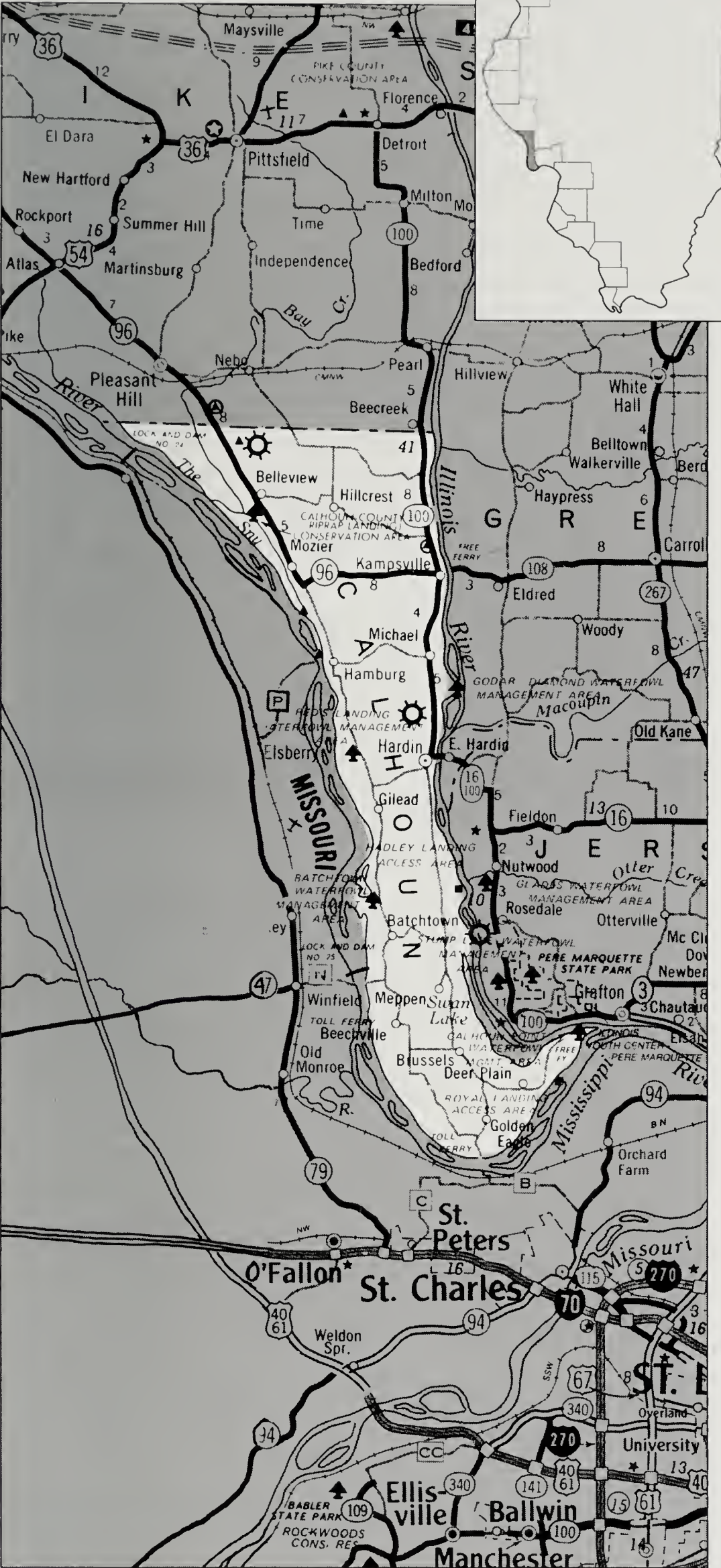
Royal Landing, three miles South of Brussels.

St. Mary's and St. Mathew's Cemeteries, Brussels.

Swarnes Hill Monument, Hamburg.

Titus Hollow, two and one-half miles North of Batchtown.

Wittmond Hotel, Brussels.



JERSEY



Jersey

Jersey County is a vacationer's paradise. The mighty Mississippi and Illinois Rivers come together at historic Grafton, known by the local Indian tribes as "the gathering of the waters" when explorer Father Marquette landed here in 1673. This area also boasts the largest state park in Illinois - Pere Marquette; the picturesque village of Elsah with its 19th century architecture; and the most majestic section of the Great River Road and high limestone bluffs that are reminiscent of the "white cliffs of Dover." Its river country is lush with forests and valley streams; plus, the contrast of rural life through beautiful farmsteads and fruit orchards. One can enjoy antiquing in Grafton and Jerseyville, biking the river bike trails, camping, boating and hiking the nature trails to absorb the bountiful wildlife, and in winter, cross-country skiing or sight-seeing bald eagles. A large water-theme park has opened and excursion boat rides allow you the opportunity of "rolling on the river".

Events

- Dec./ **Welcome to Eagle Country**, Great River Rd.
March - Rt 100, Grafton to Alton, 618-786-3344.
This is the third largest concentration of American bald eagles in the Midwest.
- June - **Holy Ghost Picnic**, 309 N. Washington, Jerseyville, 618-498-3416.
Sidewalk Sale Days, Main Street, Grafton, 618-786-3344 or 800-258-6645.
- July - **Jersey County Fair**, Fairgrounds, Jerseyville, 618-498-5571.
- Aug.- **St. Mary's Westwood Church Picnic**, Rt 16, Fieldon, 3rd Sunday. 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- Aug./ **Annual St. Patricks Church Picnic**,
Sept. - Corner of Evans & Main Street (Rt. 100), Grafton, 618-786-3344 or 800-ALTON-IL.
- Aug./ **Apple Orchards** picking season, throughout
Oct.- Jersey & Madison Counties, 618-465-6676 or 800-ALTON-IL.
- Sept. - **Grafton Fall Festival**, River Ball Diamond Main St., Grafton, 618-786-3344. Last Sat. & Sun. starting at 10 a.m.
Quilt Show, Local businesses, Grafton, 618-786-3344 or 800-258-6645.
- Sept./ **Music Festival and Bazaar**, on
Oct.- waterfront at Grafton Boat Works, Grafton, 618-786-2316 or 786-3344.
Apple Pickin' Time, Jerseyville/Grafton/Brussels area, 1-800-ALTON-IL.
Bassmaster Invitational, Pere Marquette Marina, N. of Grafton, 1-800-ALTON-IL.
Operation Bass, Pere Marquette Marina, N. of Grafton, 1-800-ALTON-IL.
Midwest Bass, Pere Marquette Marina, N. of Grafton, 1-800-ALTON-IL.
- Nov. - **Chili Cook-Off**, Main Street, Grafton, 618-786-3344 or 800-ALTON-IL.
- Dec. - **Christmas on Main Street** - Home Tour/ Open House, Central Business District, Main Street, Grafton, 618-786-3344 or 800-ALTON-IL.

JERSEY

Attractions

Bed & Breakfasts, throughout Elsah 618-374-2821 and Grafton 618-786-3344. Several fine bed and breakfasts and guesthouses offer beautifully furnished facilities all with private baths. Call for reservations or brochures.

Confluence of Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, Grafton, 618-465-6676 or 800-ALTON-IL. These two rivers meet at Grafton providing an excellent view of the Great River Road.

Historic Village of Elsah, 9 miles W. of Alton on the Great River Road, Route 100. For information on restaurant or bakery 618-374-1607. Lodging information 618-374-2821. A tiny 19th century walking village; enjoy wonderful architecture and beautiful gardens, bike trail, river charters, bed and breakfasts, three gift shops, bakery and restaurant. Natural barriers of rivers, high bluffs and forests. Note: Because of narrowness of streets and bridges buses are discouraged.

Historic Grafton, Main St., Grafton, 618-786-3344 or 786-3700. Historic Grafton, circa 1830, lies at the confluence of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Many of the homes and businesses are made of native limestone and there are over 30 antique, gift, candy and specialty shops. Additionally, a winery is located in Grafton, four bed & breakfasts, an herb farm and several fruit orchards. Festivals and events are held monthly.

Mississippi River Project, Jersey Community High School, 801 N. State, Jerseyville, 618-498-2226. Traveling slide show presentation concerning the Mississippi River and student's effort to clean up the river. Call to schedule program.

Pere Marquette State Park, 20 miles W. of Alton on Great River Road Rt. 100, Grafton, 618-786-2331. Largest state park in IL with 8000 acres. Overlooks the Illinois River. Beautiful cabins and stone lodge with dining room, cocktail lounge, indoor pool and conference area. Marina, riding stables, camping, hiking and cross-country ski trails among high rolling wooded hills. Open all year.

Piasa Harbor, Piasa Creek, 7 mi. N. of Alton, 618-465-6676. Public access.

Raging Rivers Water Theme Park, 14 miles W. of Alton on the Great River Road, Rt. 100, Grafton, 618-465-6676. Twenty-acre water theme park with 2 water slides, a Lazy River, Wave Pool, Kiddie Pool and Play area, Beach Blanket Cafe, and Gift Shop. Open May-Sept., 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Scenic view of Great River Road, Grafton, 618-465-6676.

Twin Rivers Excursion Lines, Inc., Belle of Grafton, "Old Boat Works", 501 E. Front St., Grafton, 618-786-2318. Take a 90-minute scenic trip down the Mighty Mississippi River and return up the Illinois River. May-Nov., Daily Cruises at 2 p.m., charters and dinner cruises by reservation.

MADISON



Madison

Madison County has rich alluvial soil, open prairies, sensational pioneering and Civil War history, river ports, conservation areas, a university, and a thoroughbred race track, among other attractions. The Lewis and Clark Expedition camped here, opposite the mouth of the Missouri for five months during the winter of 1803-04, to prepare for the long journey. The American Bottoms gained its name in the late 18th Century when it provided lush vegetables and grains to early trading posts at the western boundary of the United States. Nowadays, the famous crops are horseradish and sweet corn. The principal industries include Con Agra, Jefferson Smurfit, Olin, Shell Oil, Amoco Chemicals, Granite City Steel and Tri-Cities Port District. For more information, contact Greater Alton/Twin Rivers Convention & Visitors Bureau, 200 Piasa St., Alton, IL 62002. 800-ALTON IL; Collinsville Convention & Visitors Bureau, One Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234. 618-345-4999; Southwestern Illinois Tourism & Convention Bureau, 907 Main St., Highland, IL 62249. 800-782-9587.

Events

- March - **American Indian Arts and Artifacts Show**, One Gateway Dr., Collinsville, 618-345-8998. Admission fee.
- May - **Strawberry Festival**, St. Jacob Township Park, St. Jacob, 800-782-9587.
International Horseradish Festival, Woodland Park, Vandalia & Pine Lake Rd., Collinsville, 618-344-2884.
- July - **Fireworks on the Mississippi**, Riverfront Park, Alton, 800-258-6645 or 618-465-6676. Free admission.
Madison County Fair, Fairgrounds, Highland, 800-782-9587. Last week.
- August - **Kirchenfest**, Highland, 800-782-9587. Last weekend.
- Aug./Sept.- **Bethalto Homecoming**, Village Park, Bethalto, 618-377-8695 or 800-258-6645. Hours Noon-Midnight.
- Aug./Oct. - **Apple Orchards** picking season, 618-465-6676 or 800-ALTON-IL.
- Sept.- **Italian Fest**, Main St. (3 blocks), Downtown Collinsville, 618-344-2884.
“Heritage America”, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Collinsville Rd. between I-255 & IL 111, Collinsville, 618-346-5160. Hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Heritage Days on the Goshen Trail, Lewis and Clark Community College, Rts. 67 & 111, Godfrey, 618-465-4020.
- Oct.- **Alton Historic House Tour**, Alton, 618-463-5761. Hours Noon-6 p.m.
Echoes Off the River, Alton Public School Stadium, Alton, 800-258-6645 or 618-465-6676.
Harvest Homefest, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, 800-782-9587.
- Nov.- **Coors River Road Run**, Market and Broadway, (Madison & Jersey Co.) Alton, 800-258-6645.

MADISON

Attractions

Alton Lake, Alton, 618-465-6676 or 800-ALTON-IL. Boating, fishing, skiing, sailboating and other water sports are well known to Alton Lake with 40 miles of shoreline on the Mississippi River from Lock and Dam #25 to #26.

Riverboat Gambling, Riverfront, Alton, 618-465-6676 or 800-ALTON-IL. The Alton Marina offers riverboat gambling adventures on the most scenic parts of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.

Alton Historic Attractions. These many attractions include the Alton Museum of History and Art, Lincoln-Douglas Debate Site, Confederate Cemetery, three Historic districts featuring a mixture of Victorian, Federal and Greek Revival 19th Century Homes. Alton has four of the 25 historic places on the Illinois Register and 12 sites on the National Register.

Fairmount Park/Race Track, Collinsville Rd, Collinsville, 618-345-4300. Thoroughbred and harness racing.

Lewis & Clark National Trail Historic Site #1, On Illinois Rt. 3, 3 miles N. of I-270, (watch for signs) nearest town is Hartford, 618-251-2680.

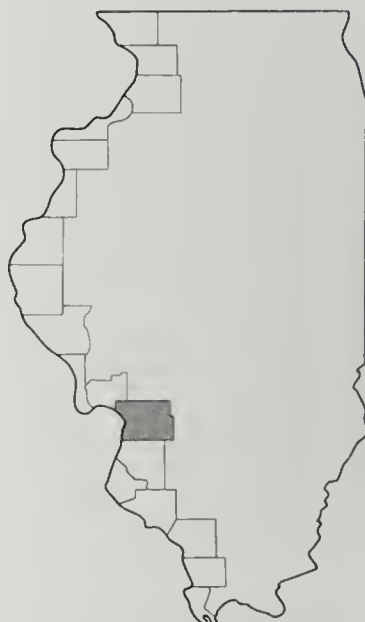
Horseshoe Lake State Park & Recreation Area, located between I-55/70 & I-270, Granite City, 618-931-0270. Known for its many species of migratory birds as well as its boating and camping facilities.

Lock & Dam #26, 2 miles S. of Alton on the Berm Hwy., Alton, 618-465-6676 or 462-1713.

Lock & Dam # 27 & Floyd Wade Visitor Center, Granite City, 618-452-7107 or 618-452-6200.

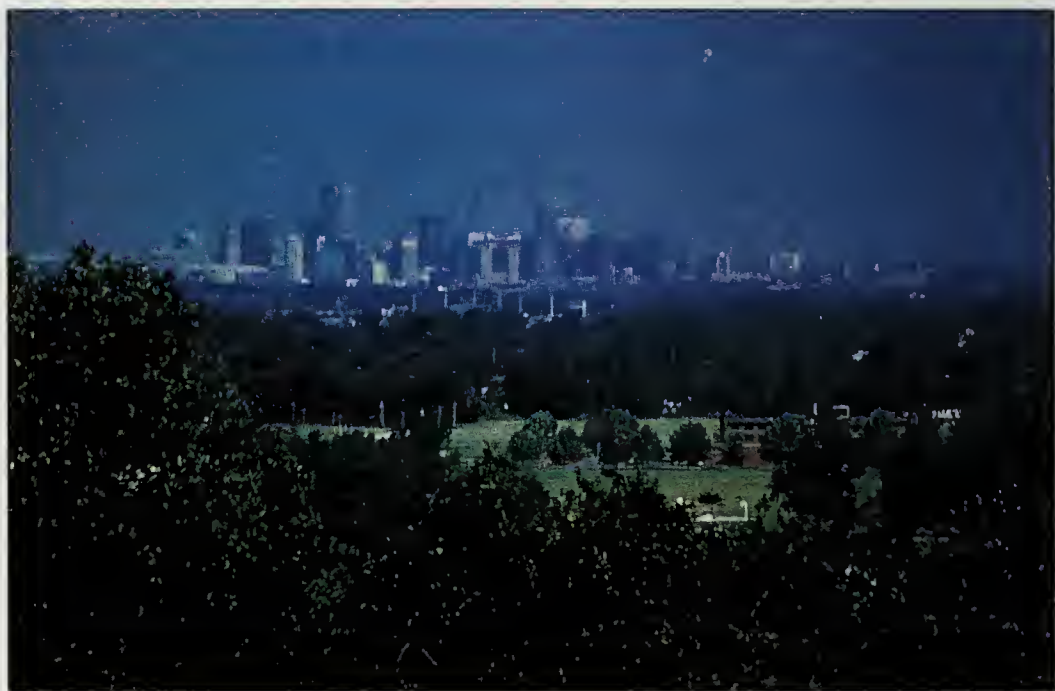
The Piasa Pictograph, 3 miles N. of Alton on the River Road, Alton, 618-465-6676. Colored Indian pictograph dating back at least 300 years. Noted by Marquette and Joliet high on the limestone bluff. Mythical story.

Some of the many other important county attractions: Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site, Madison and St. Clair Counties; Madison Co. Historical Museum, Edwardsville 618-656-7562, featuring displays of Indian and pioneer artifacts and a genealogy library; Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 618-692-7500, with its striking architecture situated amidst some of Illinois' last remaining natural prairie grasslands; St. Louis Street and LeClaire Historic District of Edwardsville, 618-692-7500, featuring grand old homes of the 19th Century; Spencer T. Olin Community Golf Course, Alton 618-465-3111, one of Illinois' top golf courses; Towata Gallery, Alton 618-462-5926, featuring contemporary arts and crafts. Lovejoy & Wadlow Monuments, 618-465-6676.





ST. CLAIR



St. Clair

In 1790, General Arthur St. Clair issued a proclamation that formed St. Clair County, Illinois' first county, with the County Seat in Cahokia. In 1814, the County Seat was moved to Belleville which is French for "beautiful village." Belleville and St. Clair County have many "firsts" for the state of Illinois. The first circulation library started here in 1836 and the first Illinois railroad went from Belleville to the Mississippi River. Illinois' first macadamized road was opened in Belleville and the Philharmonic Society, second only to the New York Philharmonic in length of continuous service, was founded in 1866. The first Illinois school was founded in Cahokia, and those are just a few. For more information, contact St. Clair County, 1220 Centreville Ave., Belleville, IL 62220. 618-277-6790 or 1-800-782-9587.

Events

- April - **Annual Belleville Art & Craft Spring Festival**, Belle-Clair Expo Building, Rt. 159 & 13, 618-233-0052.
- May - **Fountain Fest**, 618-233-2015.
Family Storytelling Program, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site Auditorium, Collinsville, 618-346-5160.
Eckert's Orchard Spring Fling, Belleville, 618-233-2015.
- June - **Indian Food Festival**, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Collinsville, 618-346-5160. 1 p.m.
Deutschfest, Belleville's Annual Homecoming, 618-233-2015.
Open House, Parks Air College Campus, Cahokia. Aircraft displays, stunt flying, food and refreshments, 618-337-7500.
Summer Solstice, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Collinsville, 618-346-5160.
- July - **American Indian Celebration**, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, 618-397-6700.
- Aug.- **Annual Celebration of Our Lady of the Snows**, Belleville, 618-397-670.
Marissa Coal Festival, 618-295-2351.
Polish American Celebration, Belleville, 618-397-6700.
S.W. IL. Grand Prix Auto Race, Fairmont City, 800-782-9587.
- Sept.- **Midwest Salute to Masters Art Festival**, Fairview Hts., 800-782-9587.
Fall Equinox, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Collinsville, 618-346-5160.
Heritage America, Collinsville, 618-346-5160.
- Nov.- **Gingerbread Walk**, Belleville, 618-233-2015.
Way of Lights, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, 618-397-6700.
- Dec.- **Winter Solstice**, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Collinsville, 618-346-5160.

ST. CLAIR

Attractions

First St. Clair County Courthouse, Cahokia. Built in the French Colonial period, free admission, 618-332-1782.

Nicholas Jarrot House, Cahokia. Built in the French Colonial period, free admission, 618-332-1782.

Church of the Holy Family, Cahokia. Built in the French Colonial period, free admission, 618-332-1782.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, 2 miles W. of I-255 on Collinsville Rd., Collinsville/East St. Louis. A World Heritage Site. A prehistoric Indian City which represents a culture from 900-1300 A.D. with Monks Mounds, the largest mound, larger in size than the Pyramids of Egypt. The Interpretive Center has a gift shop and cafe. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Free admission. 618-346-5160.

Cathedral of St. Peter, S. 3rd St., Belleville. Largest Catholic Cathedral in Illinois.

St. Clair Co. Historical Society Museum, 701 E. Washington St., Belleville, 618-234-0600.

Emma Kunz House Museum, Pioneer Home/German St. House, 618-234-0600.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 9500 W. IL 15, Belleville, 618-397-6700. The largest Catholic Shrine in the United States. Includes a visitors center, free tram tours of the grounds, restaurant and special events.

Falling Springs, N.E. of Dupo. A cascading spring that falls 70 ft. out of limestone bluffs.

Lebanon, IL, Rt. 4 & Rt. 50. Quaint town that is home of Illinois' oldest college, McKendree College. Features the Mermaid Inn Museum where Charles Dickens slept. Many antique and craft shops.

Schneidewind Barn Museum, Marissa, 618-295-2726.
7,000 sq. ft. of antiques and primitives with the original "Popeye" Bar.

Julius Knobloch Nature Preserve, Jefferson Rd., Freeburg.
Sanctuary for native vegetation and wildlife with walking path.

Gateway Int'l Raceway, IL Rt. 203 & I-55 - 70, Fairmont City.

R & T Antiques, New Athens.

MONROE



Monroe

Monroe County is alive with German and French history. Maeystown, founded in 1852, was placed on the National Register of Historic Districts in 1978. Many of the village's structures were built by German immigrants. Flagstone gutters, numerous outbuildings and stone walls make the village unique in its terraced setting. Columbia, Valmeyer and Waterloo have a similar rich heritage providing a wide variety of cultural events and attractions to choose from throughout the county. For more information, contact Southwestern Illinois Tourism & Convention Bureau, 907 Main Street, Highland, IL 62249. 1-800-782-9587.

Events

- May - **Belle Fountain Quilt Show**, Waterloo, 4th Sunday.
- June - **Homecoming**, Maeystown, 3rd weekend.
- Band Concert**, Waterloo, Courthouse Square Bandstand. Each Tuesday evening, June-August.
- Porta - Westfalica Sister Cities Festival**, Downtown-Main St. Courthouse yard, Waterloo, 618-939-7347 or 939-8107. Celebration of German heritage and anniversary of sister-city partnership.
- July - **Fourth of July Celebration**, Columbia and Valmeyer.
- Classic Car Show**, Waterloo. Sunday after Fourth.
- Monroe County Fair**, Waterloo. Last week.
- Aug.- **“Columbia Daze”**, Main St., Columbia, 618-281-6090. Old-fashioned street festival with food, beverages, polka bands, entertainment and a super parade.
- Oct. - **Oktoberfest**, Mill St., Maeystown, 618-458-6930. German ethnic craft festival with ethnic food and family fun.
- Nov. - **Christmas Walk**, Waterloo. Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- Christmas Open House**, Columbia. 3rd weekend.

MONROE

Attractions

Belle Fontaine, S. part of Waterloo, 618-281-5053. 1700's settlement with historic market, Revolutionary War era cemetery and fountain. Part of the original Kaskaskia Trail nearby.

Bluff Road Scenic Route, follow limestone bluffs along Bluff Rd. south to Maeystown and the French Colonial area.

Columbia, Main St., Site of Carriage Shop Antiques and The Dancing Goats antique shop.

Eberhard's, Now Columbia House on N. Main St., Bavarian Stein Museum and well-known German restaurant.

Fountain Creek Bridge, 1 mile W. of Waterloo. Limestone bridge visible from IL Rt. 156.

Fults Hill Prairie Nature Preserve, E. of Fults. 532-acre preserve with 3 miles of trails.

Gundlach-Grosse House, 625 N. Main, Columbia. Greek-Revival style home built in 1867.

Maeystown Historic District. Listed on the National Register. Focal point is St. John's United Church of Christ, includes mill and stone bridge.

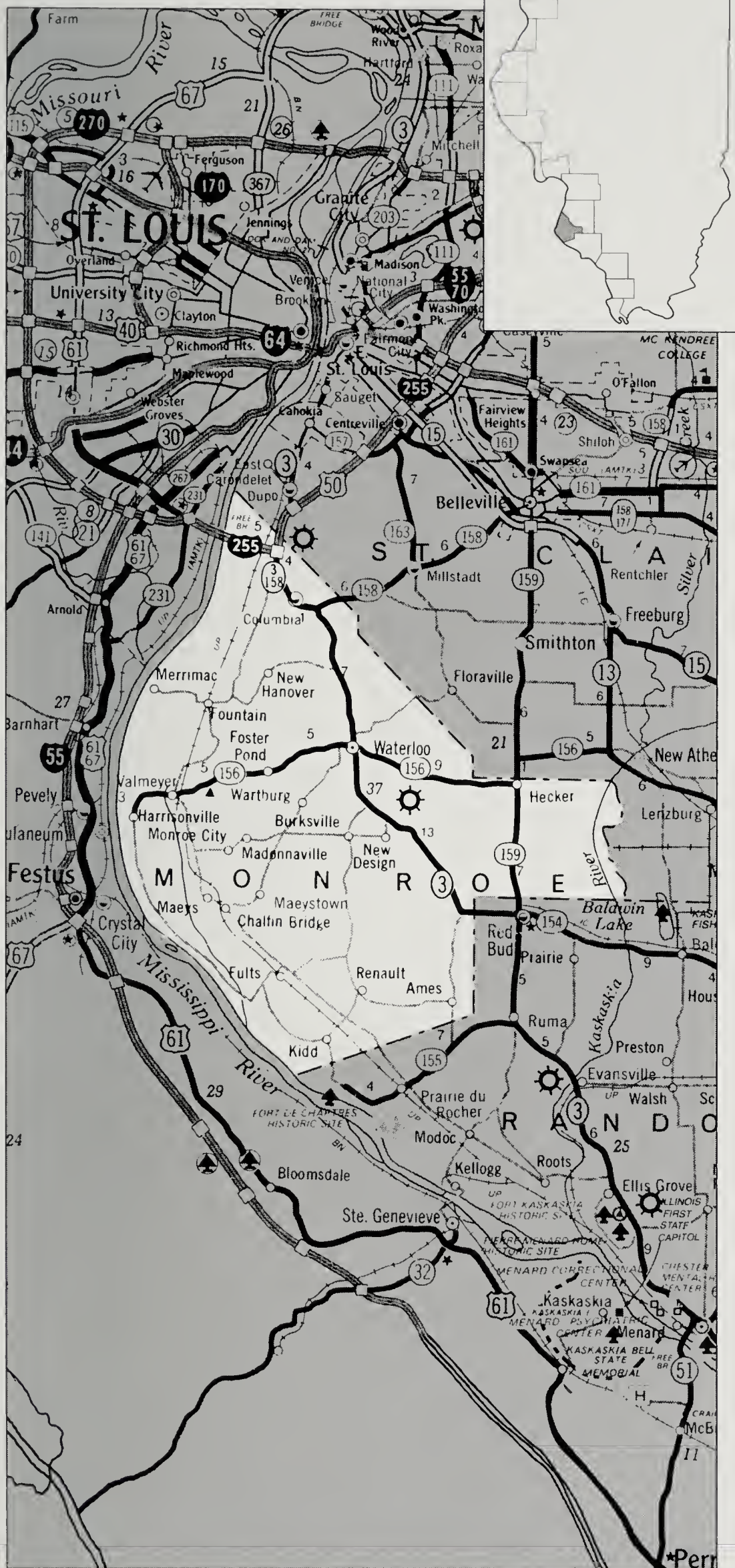
Mammoth Cave, near Burksville. 14-mile cavern with underground lakes.

Morrison-Talbott Library, 219 Park St., Waterloo. Former home of Col. Wm. Morrison, former Speaker of Illinois House & U.S. Congressman.

New Design (Burksville Station), Rural Waterloo. First English-speaking school and first Protestant Church in Illinois.

Peterstown House, 275 N. Main, Waterloo, 618-458-6422. Built in the 1830s as a stagecoach stop on the Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail. Listed on National Register. Open 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

Waterloo Winery & Historic District. Over 200 19th century buildings focusing on Monroe County Courthouse and Downtown Business District. Winery tour with wine and cheese samples, gift shop. Open noon-5 p.m.



RANDOLPH



Randolph

This county's motto, "Where Illinois Began", is symbolic of the county's past dating back to the Jesuit missionary, Father Jacques Marquette, who travelled the Mississippi River with the French explorer, Louis Joliet; the French adventurer, Robert de LaSalle and his Lt. Tonti, who established the first trading posts in IL; Fort de Chartres, where the French fleur-de-lis was lowered for the last time in New France and the British Union Jack was raised to end the French & Indian War; Colonel George Rogers Clark and his Virginia "Long Knives" who captured Kaskaskia during the American Revolution; and, to Shadrack Bond and Pierre Menard, Illinois' first Governor and Lt. Governor.

Visitors to the area, whether they are pedaling along the Bikecentennial Route, driving on the Bluff Road, traveling the Great River Road by tour bus, boating on the Kaskaskia River, or riding a paddlewheeler on the Mississippi, always seem ready for another visit to Randolph County "Where Illinois Began". For more information, contact Randolph Co. Tourism Committee, P O Box 332, Chester, IL 62233. 618-826-2477.

Events

- Jan. - **Twelfth Night** - La Guiannee Singers at Fort de Chartres, New Year's Eve;
Costume Ball in Prairie du Rocher, 1st Sat.
and Celebration at Pierre Menard Home,
1st Sun., 618-284-7230 or 618-859-3031.
- April - **St. Louis Drag Boat Assn. Races**, Evansville
Riverfront, 618-853-2613. Last weekend.
- May - **St. Patrick's Strawberry Festival**, Ruma,
3rd Sun.
- June - **Fort de Chartres Summer Rendezvous**,
618-284-7230. Held first weekend.
- July - **4th of July** Kaskaskia Island Patriotic
Program and Steeleville Celebration,
3-day event with fireworks.
County Fair, Sparta, 2nd week.
- Aug. - **Cornfest & Country Store**, Charter Oak
School, Sparta, 1st Sat., 618-965-9525.
Spartafest & Craft Fair, 1st weekend.
Town & Country Fest, Downtown Red Bud,
618-282-3803. Held the third Friday.
Shiloh Hill Picnic, Shiloh College, 4th Sat.
- Sept. - **Crafts Bazaar**, Ruma Convent, Ruma,
618-282-3848. Held second Sunday.
Apple Fete & Country Fair, Creole House,
Prairie du Rocher, 618-965-9525.
Fort Kaskaskia Traditional Music Festival,
Ellis Grove, 618-859-3741. 4th weekend.
St. Louis Drag Boat Assn. Races, Evansville
Riverfront, 618-853-2613. 4th weekend.
Popeye Picnic, Chester, 618-826-2326.
Weekend after Labor Day.
- Oct. - **Steeleville Oktoberfest**, 2nd weekend.
Bricktown Candlelight Tour & Quiltwalk,
Sparta, 618-443-5337. 3rd weekend.
- Nov. - **Deerfest & Christmas Walk**, Downtown
Red Bud, 618-282-3803. 3rd weekend.
- Dec. - **Christmas on the River**, Chester Riverfront,
618-826-2326. First weekend.
Christmas Open House and Candlelight Tour,
Pierre Menard Home, 618-859-3031.

RANDOLPH

Attractions

Chester "River City" and "Home of Popeye the Sailor Man" located on Ill. Rt. 3 "Great River Road South". Numerous points of interest:

- Popeye the Sailor Man Bronze Statue in Segar Park
- Randolph Co. Courthouse & Museum & Archives Bldg.
- Gordon "Bud" Cohen Mansion on the Riverbluffs
- Betsy's SugarWood Bed & Breakfast & Emily's House
- The Old Landmark Inn & Captain's Table Restaurant
- Chester Riverfront & Bridge (to US 61 & I-55)
- Menard Penitentiary built in the Riverbluffs
- Pierre Menard Home State Historic Site "Mt. Vernon of the West" (special events monthly).
- Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site & Garrison Hill Cemetery
- Colvis Peach & Apple Orchards Market
- Randolph Co. State Fish & Wildlife Area
- Governor Shadrack Bond State Memorial, Evergreen Cemetery
- Mary's River Covered Bridge on the Old Plank Road
- Turkey Bluffs State Fish & Wildlife Area
- "Liberty Bell of the West" enshrined on Kaskaskia Island
- Cole Memorial Park & Pool
- Kaskaskia Island's Church of the Immaculate Conception

Prairie du Rocher. One of Illinois' oldest communities (1722) featuring French Colonial Historic District. Illinois Rt. 155 & Bluff Rd. Numerous points of interest:

- Fort de Chartres State Historic Site & Irvin Piethman Museum (special events monthly).
- La Maison Creole (The Creole House)
- La Maison du Rocher Country Inn "The House of Rock"
- Prairie du Rocher Village Hall
- St. Joseph Catholic Church & Rectory
- Modoc Rock Shelter
- Dr. Joseph Fisher Marker at Roots (Illinois' 1st hospital)
- Kaskaskia Lock & Dam
- Ste. Genevieve-Modoc Ferry
- Ruma Convent & St. Patrick Catholic Church & School

Other County points of interest:

- Red Bud Historic District (Ill. Rts. 3 & 159)
- Evansville Riverfront on Kaskaskia River
- Charter Oak, 8-sided Schoolhouse near Schuline
- Baldwin Power Plant (IL Power Co.)
- Baldwin Lake/Kaskaskia State Fish & Wildlife Area
- Hunter Field (Sparta Community Airport)
- Sparta's Bricktown Historic District
- Piney Creek Ravine State Nature Preserve
- Shiloh College (on Gen. Logan Interpretive Trail)
- Rockwood (Civil War era Underground Railroad stop)

JACKSON



Jackson

Traversed by US 51, Rts. 13, 3, 127 and the Mississippi River, the terrain shows the beginning of the Ozark Hills and Mountains. Carbondale, the home of 25,000 Southern Illinois University students, has its history around the university and the Illinois Central Railroad. It serves as the cultural, retail and medical center of the area. Murphysboro, the County Seat, has many outstanding community events and is the birthplace of Civil War General John A. Logan, a national hero. Grand Tower and Tower Rock are rich in river lore, with many attractions for the river buff. Kinkaid Lake offers one of the most attractive bodies of water to boaters, fishermen and campers in the Midwest with rock formations and forests at the water's edge. Salt Petre Cave, south of Murphysboro, is one of the largest and most unique in the nation. Southern Illinois Airport, between Carbondale & Murphysboro, has first-class runways, control tower, ground service, charter and flight training for individuals and groups.

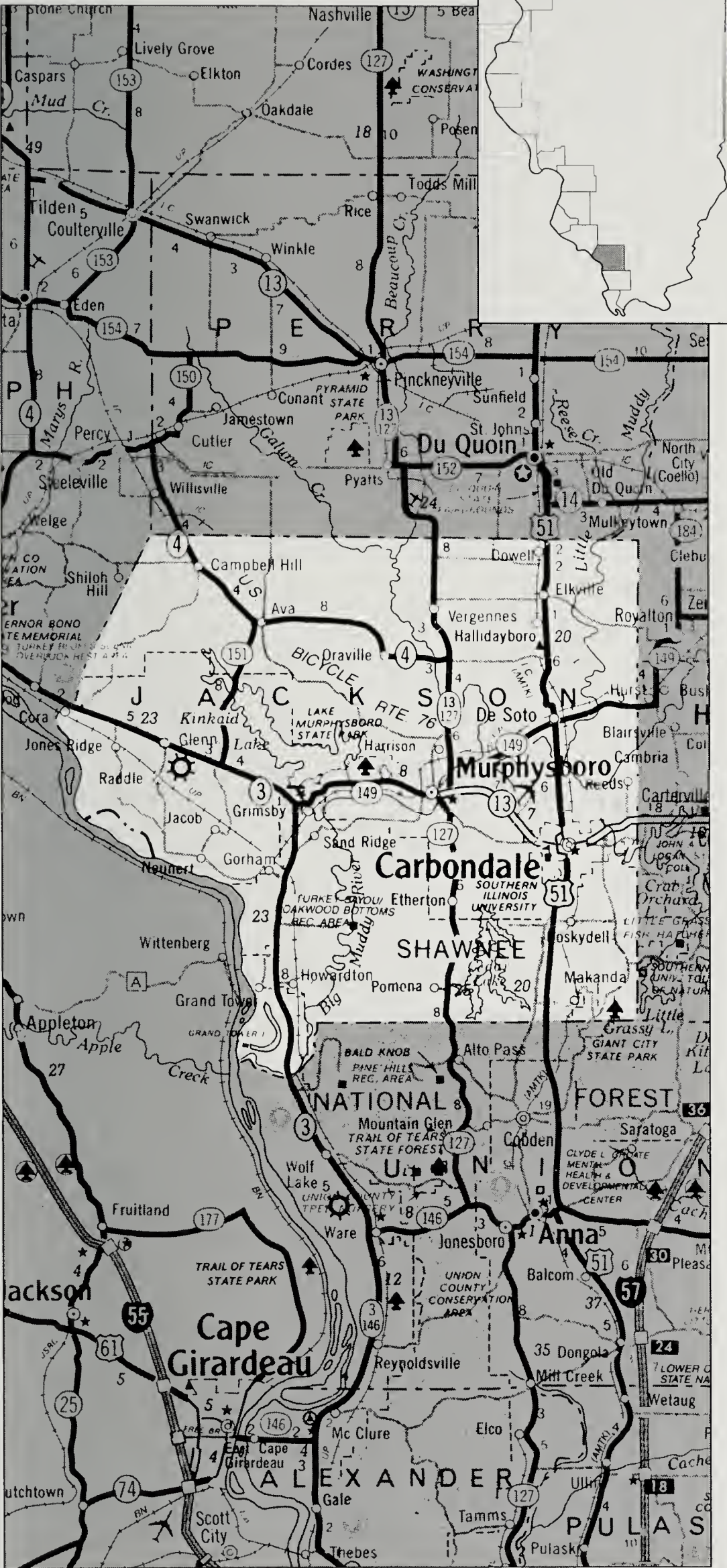
Events

- Feb. - **General Logan Birthday Events**,
Murphysboro, 618-684-6421 or
684-2688.
- March - **St. Patrick's Day Parade/Irish Stew
Cook-Off & Walk/Run**, Old Molly O
Depot & Park, Murphysboro,
618-684-3191.
Easter Egg Hunt, Murphysboro,
618-684-6421.
- April - **Airshow**, S. IL. Airport between
Murphysboro & Carbondale,
618-684-6421.
Annual Health Fair, St. Joseph Memorial
Hospital at St. Andrews School, 723
Mulberry, Murphysboro,
618-684-3156 ext. 542.
- May - **5K Walk/Run & Auction/Yard Sale**, 17th
& Pine St., Murphysboro, 618-684-6421.
General Logan Days, Downtown
Murphysboro, 618-684-6421.
- June - **Tower Rock Arts and Crafts Festival**,
On the riverfront, Grand Tower.
618-565-8384.
Grand Tower Lions Club Homecoming,
Main & Market, Grand Tower.
618-565-2478.
- July - **Fourth of July Celebration**, Riverside
Park, Murphysboro, 618-684-6421.
- August- **St. Andrew's Church Festival**,
723 Mulberry St., Murphysboro,
618-684-6421 or 684-2013.
- Sept.- **Apple Festival**, Walnut St., Murphysboro,
618-684-3200 or 684-6421.
Barbecue Championships, GMO
Railroad site, 17th & Pine St.,
Murphysboro, 618-684-2775 or
684-6421.
- Nov.- **Jackson Co. Homemakers Extension
Craft Show & Sale**, Murphysboro,
618-687-1727.
- Dec.- **Jr. Woman's Club Holiday Tour of
Homes**, Murphysboro, 618-684-6421.

JACKSON

Attractions

- Devil's Backbone Park, next to river at N. end of town, Grand Tower, 618-565-2454. Camping facilities with fee, hiking trails, boat ramp, and shelters for picnics. Open March-Dec. dawn to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- Devil's Bake Oven, North of Devil's Backbone Park, Grand Tower, 618-565-8384. Another rock formation with an easy hiking trail. Stone foundations from an old house are perched on the opposite side of the cliff. House is said to be haunted.
- Fountain Bluff, North of Grand Tower near Route 3, Grand Tower, 618-565-8384. A rock formation with a beautiful view of Southern Illinois.
- Huthmacher House, W. of Ma Hale's Boarding House Restaurant, Grand Tower, 618-565-8384. One of Grand Tower's oldest houses. Drive-by tour only.
- Illinois Central Railroad Bridge, one of only two arched bridges of its kind on the Chicago-New Orleans route.
- John A. Logan Museum, Murphysboro. Displays of items relating to Civil War general's life and hometown.
- Kinkaid Lake, West of Murphysboro on Rt. 149, 618-684-2867.
- Ma Hale's Boarding House Restaurant, 2nd & Walker St., Grand Tower, 618-565-8384. Has been in operation since 1940. Hours Tues.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Salt Petre Cave, South of Murphysboro on Rt. 127. Camping, paddleboats, perfect place for group meetings.
- Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Site of Buckminster Fuller home and domes. Home port of Cardboard Boat Regatta.
- Suspension Pipeline Bridge, N. of Devil's Backbone Park, Grand Tower, 618-565-8384. Above the Devil's Back Oven hangs the Texas, Illinois, natural gas pipeline, built in 1954—one of the longest in the world at over 600 feet.
- Pomona General Store, on the way to Natural Bridge.
- Tower Rock, across the river from Grand Tower, 618-565-8384. A small rock formation near Missouri side of the Mississippi River.
- Turkey Bayou, Oakwood Bottoms, West of Etherton, 618-687-1731.



UNION



Union

Our native land, Union County, is situated in the very extreme southern part of the state. The population was 17,656 on the last census (1980). The county boundaries are approximately 25 miles wide at the North side and 20 miles wide across on the South with the Mississippi River on the West and Johnson County 18 miles away on the East. Union County was separated from Johnson County in 1818 at the time of statehood. Climate is a delightful four-season variety; rainfall averages about 43 inches a year. The county equals a total of 264,960 acres of which approximately 35,000 are within the Shawnee National Forest. Deemed by many as the perfect place to live and visit with its scenic Ozark Hills and flood plains of the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys. For more information, contact Anna/Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce, 125 W. Davie, Anna, IL 62906. 618-833-6311.

Events

- March - **Easter Sunrise Service**, Bald Knob Mountain, Alto Pass, 618-893-2344 or 800-526-1500.
- April - **River to River Relay**, Union County Refuge. Begins in LaRue-Pine Hills and ends in Golconda.
- May - **Union County Historical Society Antique & Collectors Flea Market**, Anna City Park, Anna, 618-833-6805.
Antique Auto Show, Anna City Park, Free admission, 618-833-7334.
- July - **Fireworks Celebration**, Anna City Park Fairgrounds, Anna, 618-833-6311.
- Aug. - **Peach Festival**, Cobden High School Baseball Field, Cobden. Third Friday and Saturday
Union County Fair, Anna Park Fairgrounds, 618-833-4313.
- Sept. - **Bald Knob Barbecue**, Bald Knob Mountain, Alto Pass, 618-893-2344.
Antique/Collector's Flea Market, Anna City Park, Anna, 618-833-8352 or 618-893-2567.
Illinois State Calling Contest, Union County Sportsman Club, Jonesboro, Last Sunday
- October - **Fall Festival**, Bald Knob Mountain, Free admission, Alto Pass, 618-893-2344.
- Nov. - **Veterans Day Parade**, Downtown Anna, Anna, 618-833-6311.
Union County Hunting Festival, Anna City Park, Anna, 618-833-6311.

UNION

Attractions

- Alto Pass Vineyard Winery, Alto Pass.
- Anna City Pool, City Park, 618-833-5222.
- Austin's Antiques, Alto Pass.
- Bald Knob Cross, Alto Pass.
- Black Diamond Ranch - Rt. 3 near Cobden.
- Cliff View Park, Alto Pass.
- Cobden Museum, Cobden, Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4:30 p.m., 618-893-2067.
- The Cross at Bald Knob Mountain, Alto Pass, Rt. 127.
- Dongola Lake, Dongola.
- Draper's Bluff, Lick Creek.
- Giant City State Park and Lodge, Makanda, off Rt. 51.
- Goods Potato Chip Factory, Rt. 146 to Mt. Pleasant Rd.
- King Neptune's tomb, Rt. 146 east of Anna.
- Kornthal Church, Jonesboro.
- Lawrence Basket Factory, 210 Front St., Cobden.
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Jonesboro City Park.
- Lincoln Memorial Park, Jonesboro.
- Pine Hills, Wolf Lake, Larue Swamp Area.
- St. John's Lutheran Church, Dongola.
- Shawnee National Forest - over 250,000 acres in size.
- Stinson Memorial Library, Anna.
- Trail of Tears Campsite and State Forest, Rt. 146 West, Jonesboro, 618-833-4910.
- Trail of Tears State Park, Wolf Lake.
- Union County Conservation Area, S.W. of Jonesboro, 618-833-5175.
- Union County Game Preserve, Ware.
- Union County Golf Course, Anna.
- Walton Farm, 5 mi. West from Interstate 57 on Rt. 146 on Lick Creek Road.
- Welcome Center, Anna, Interstate 57 north of Exit 31.



ALEXANDER



Alexander

Alexander County has the distinction of being the first county to be organized in Illinois in 1818. The county is largely agrarian, but there is some industry. Alexander County is well-known throughout the U.S. for its waterfowl and fishing in the Horseshoe Lake area. Cairo is the County Seat, where you can visit Magnolia Manor, Cairo Public Library, Cairo Custom House and the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Thebes has a beautiful 1845 Greek Revival Court House overlooking the Mississippi River. Tamms has a restored 1901 Railroad Station now used as the City Hall. Many back roads will take you through the Shawnee National Forest where you might catch a glimpse of wild turkeys or deer. For more information, contact Cairo Chamber of Commerce, Cairo, IL 62914. 618-734-2737. Or Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce, Olive Branch, IL 62969. 618-776-5541.

Events

- May - **Olive Branch Homecoming**, Olive Branch, 618-776-5541. All day Saturday.
Memorial Day Celebration, Thebes, Play presented in Old Court House with food, games and entertainment in City Park. Saturday and Sunday.
- June - **Magnolia Festival**, Magnolia Manor, Cairo, 618-734-0201. Saturday.
River Boat Days- Riverboat Ball (Dance), National Guard Armory, Cairo. Saturday night.
River Boat Days, Cairo. Historic Home Tours, Quilt Show, Arts and Crafts Show, 618-734-2932. Saturday and Sunday.
River Boat Days, St. Mary's Park, Cairo. Antique Car Show, 618-734-1828 or 618-342-6240. All day Sunday.
- July - **Volunteer Fire Department 4th of July Celebration**, Village Park. Tamms, 618-747-2353. Fireworks at 10 p.m.
- Sept. - **Fall Festival**, Village Park, Tamms, 618-747-2267 or 618-747-2353. Saturday all day.
Ohio River Barge Exhibit (History of the Ohio River and the towns along it), Water Front, Cairo, 618-734-1800.
Olive Branch Cemetery Festival, Labor Day, all day.
- Nov./
Dec. - **Holiday House**, Magnolia Manor, Cairo, 618-734-0201.
- TBA - **Horseshoe Lake Goose Festival & Picnic**, Spillway Picnic Grounds at Horseshoe Lake, Olive Branch. Goose and Duck Calling Contest. Sunday before Goose Season.

ALEXANDER

Attractions

Cairo (Safford Memorial) Public Library, 1609 Washington Ave., Cairo, 618-734-1840. Library opened in 1884, housed in a Queen Ann style building. A working library with museum qualities which includes a climate controlled Special Collections Room with a large Civil War book collection for research, also genealogy, including census microfilm. Free admission. Tours by appointment. Hours Mon.-Thur. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-Noon.

Fort Defiance State Park, On U.S. Rt. 51, 1.3 miles S. of Cairo, 618-734-3015. The park overlooks the constant meeting of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Refusing to merge, the Ohio waters become a blue ribbon rippling far down the brown Mississippi currents. The demarcation between the two rivers is an ever-fascinating and changing phenomenon. Open daily.

Horseshoe Lake, Olive Branch, 618-776-5541.

Magnolia Manor, 2700 Washington Ave., Cairo, 618-734-0201. This Italianate mansion, built in 1869, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is restored and retains many of its original furnishings. It once hosted President U. S. Grant. Open daily April-Dec.; Wed.-Sun during Jan.-March. Admission fee.

St. Mary's Park Pavilion, 28th St. between Magnolia Dr. & Park Place West, Cairo, 618-734-2737.

The Hower, Halliday Park at Washington and Poplar, Cairo, 618-734-2737.

Thebes Court House, Off Hwy. 3 on the Bluff, Thebes, 618-764-2600. It was here that Dred Scott was imprisoned and at one time Abraham Lincoln practiced law. Thebes, the second county seat, built this court house in 1845, an example of Greek Revival architecture which was built and designed by H.A. Barkhausen. Free admission. Hours vary—check at house by drive-in to Court House for a tour.

U.S. Custom House, 1400 Washington Ave., Cairo, 618-734-1840. Museum under restoration. Cairo was made a Port of Delivery in 1854. The Custom House was started in 1867, completed in 1872. A.B. Mullett, Architect for the U.S. Treasury Dept. was the architect who also designed the San Francisco Mint. First floor was the Post Office, second floor government offices, and the third floor the U.S. Courtroom.

Windham Bed & Breakfast, 2606 Washington Ave., Cairo, 618-734-3247.



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Convention and Visitors Bureaus

Carbondale
Convention and Tourism Bureau
618-529-4451
800-526-1500 Nationwide

Collinsville
Convention and Visitors Bureau
618-345-4999
800-289-2388 Nationwide

Galena/JoDaviess County
Convention and Visitors Bureau
815-777-0203
800-747-9377 Nationwide

Greater Alton/Twin Rivers
Convention and Visitors Bureau
618-465-6676
800-258-6645 Nationwide

Quad Cities
Convention and Visitors Bureau
309-788-7800
800-747-7800 Nationwide

Quincy
Convention and Visitors Bureau
217-223-1000
800-458-4552 Nationwide

Shawnee
Convention and Visitors Bureau
618-845-3777
800-C-IT-HERE

Southwestern Illinois
Tourism and Convention Bureau
618-654-3556
800-782-9587 Nationwide

Regional Tourism Councils

Northern Illinois Tourism Council
815-964-6482

Southern Illinois Tourism Council
618-629-2506

Western Illinois Tourism Council
309-837-7460